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AM accuses the Vale Council of 'hoarding' council tenants' rent

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Vale Council has defended itself after being accused of "hoarding around £10 million" in its housing revenue account – cash that can only be spent on council house repairs.

The charge came from Plaid Cymru Regional AM Chris Franks, who wants to know why this cash is not being spent on vital housing work on some of the council's 3,950 homes.

The Plaid AM said: "It is right to have some funds in reserve to cope with unexpected spending. However, this is a huge sum. At the same time, there is a repairs backlog that needs addressing."

Mr Franks said that his calculations suggested that the reserves in 2008 were £6.2 million, increasing to £7.2 million in 2009, and £10m in 2010.

He said: "Therefore, over this period there has been a growth of nearly £4 million."

Mr Franks said that he feared that the failure to spend the money was tied in with the council's plan to transfer its housing stock to the proposed Heritage Coast Homes organisation – a plan that is currently subject to consultation.

Tony Jaques, the Vale Council's head of public housing services, confirmed that money in the housing revenue account was "ring-fenced" and could only be used to pay for services to council tenants.

He added that the council currently spends a minimum of £3m each year on providing repairs and maintenance to its 3,950 council-owned homes, and then a further £2.7m per year on major improvements such as replacing central heating systems or providing double glazed windows.

However, Coun Franks said that it was wrong to let the account increase. He said: "Tenants have paid this money and it's wrong to leave properties in poor conditions.

"It seems to me that the Vale Council should be pumping money into the local economy now, and not wait for years before doing anything.

"With unemployment a problem, there are builders crying out for work."

He said he suspected that the reason for letting the cash build up, was that it would make the council's housing stock more attractive in the event of the transfer going ahead.

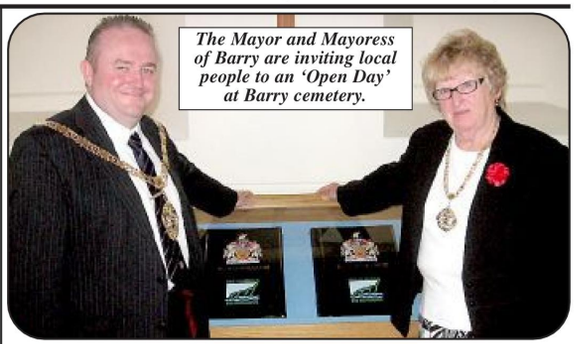
However, Mr Jaques said that the Welsh Assembly's Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) programme meant that more 'non-maintenance' cash needed to be put aside – although he declined to specify the amount.

He said: "Over the past few years the council has prudently put aside some of its non-maintenance monies in preparation for the WHQS programme commencing.

"In the event of tenants saying no to transfer, this money will be used in its entirety to support WHQS.

"In the event of tenants voting in favour of transfer, this money remains as an asset to the council and will offset the impact of transfer.

"Money has not been set aside to fund any campaigns," he insisted.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Barry are inviting local people to an 'Open Day' at Barry cemetery.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Barry, Karl and Meryl Kuhnell beside the 'Book of Remembrance' at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel. The town council is inviting the Barry community to an open day at the cemetery on September 11. For the story please turn to page 3.

Fine for man who attacked partner

A CHEMICAL technician who twice attacked his partner, has been ordered to pay her £2,000 compensation at Cardiff Crown Court.

Mark Gould (46) of Barry, was told by Judge William Gaskell "These were not trivial incidents and your victim twice had to receive medical treatment."

He was jailed for six months, suspended for two years, made subject to a supervision order for a year and must carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Gould was banned from having any contact with her.

He pleaded guilty to two charges of assault.

Prosecutor David Thomas said Patricia Lewis had been in a relationship with Gould for two years.

On March 25 last year, they were at a farm at Peterston-super-Ely where they had horses.

There was an argument and he grabbed her by the throat and dragged her out of the car.

When she went to the ground, he kicked her to the chest and back. She began to panic and could not breathe properly.

Mr Thomas said that on March 6 this year, when she was sitting in her car, there was an argument and Gould dragged her out of the vehicle, causing her to suffer bruising to her hips and shoulders.

Mr Thomas said she later reported the matter to the police and said: "It was the hardest decision she had taken."

Mr Thomas said the attacks had caused her to revert to smoking 40–50 cigarettes a day and her confidence had been greatly affected.

"The relationship is now over." said Mr Thomas.

The court heard Gould had a conviction for damaging a police cell.

Barrister Owen Williams said: "These were two very unpleasant incidents.

"He has a responsible job and a new partner who knows of these proceedings."

Mr Williams said: "His finances are in a parlous state and he has no assets."

AJ SICLUNA

Tributes paid to 'popular' solicitor

WARM tributes have been paid to a popular and well respected Barry solicitor who drowned in Cardiff Bay on Sunday evening.

It is believed that Mr Colin Jones (52) of Colin Jones Solicitors in Thompson Street, fell into the water during a night out with friends.

People who knew Mr Jones within the justice system were quick to pay tribute to him.

Dave Taylor, the chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates' Bench said: "It was such a shock to hear of the sudden and tragic passing of Colin. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to his family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

"Like many of my colleague magistrates, I have known Colin for some years in his capacity as a defence solicitor.

"He was an active and very popular participant in the life of the court and well respected by all who knew him, defendants, prosecutors, and magistrates. He was professional to the core in his relationship with us and always fair and objective in the way he treated his clients. He will be a great loss to the people of Barry."

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "I worked with Colin many years ago and had the greatest respect for him as a solicitor.

"He was a hard worker, dedicated to his profession, and was respected by all who knew him."

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'Hounded out of local party'

IT is with great sadness that I read of Coun Richard Bertin's decision to resign from the Labour Party.

It is clear that he has been victimised and hounded out of the party he once so passionately believed in. Many members have witnessed this from the sidelines.

Richard has always done his best to represent the people of Court ward, Barry and has campaigned tirelessly for his constituents.

The Labour Party was once known as a broad church and had tolerance at its heart, but I fear that is no longer true in the Vale of Glamorgan!

(Name and address supplied)

Really a mystery?

WITH reference to reports of a mystery object in the sky over the Vale, it appears that many sightings were made and both my wife and I watched the object as it hovered over the vicinity of the airport for some time.

Clearly, all activity would be monitored on radar, especially on the approach flightpath.

Can this object really be a mystery ?

Perhaps air traffic controllers could comment to put this matter to rest, or this sighting will just serve to add further fuel to the UFO debate ?

Rob Taylor,
Barry

'Put your dog on a lead'

LAST Sunday morning, I went for my usual walk through the woods from Nant Talwg to Porthkerry Park.

My walk was very peaceful and quiet until I encountered a couple walking along the path towards me with a small brown and white wire haired dog.

I acknowledged them with a 'good morning' and suddenly the small dog barked at me, jumped up and bit my leg, piercing my skin through my thick jeans.

I was absolutely shocked because I had hardly noticed the dog until it barked.

The week before, I had my small grandson walking with me – can you imagine what might have been the consequences?

If the elderly couple who own this dog read my letter, please realise that your dog is dangerous, and should have a muzzle or be on a lead when out in public areas, before a tragedy happens.

Julie Thomas,
Barry

'Show buses were hampered by lack of a one-way system'

EST was contracted by the Vale Council to operate four bus services to the Vale Show.

The one-way system agreed in advance for all traffic was not implemented on the day.

On attempting to use the system agreed, the buses became bogged down in the temporary road inside the show ground, which resulted in the first services running late.

All subsequent buses were forced, therefore, to come in and out of the same entrance as the queuing public traffic, which further increased the late running of the services.

In an attempt to reduce the delays, additional vehicles were brought in to use which were not funded by the council or show organisers.

The operation of these extra services resulted in a loss for EST, as EST absorbed all the extra cost for the provision of the extra vehicles.

The timetable was set and designed by the council and not EST, and stated that long delays may occur.

It is EST's intention to recommend that next year a dedicated entrance in and out of the Vale Show for the buses (bus lane), or a temporary bus stop be placed on the main road outside the show ground. We will also recommend that two vehicles be used on the C1 service due to passenger volume.

If all these recommendations are fulfilled for next year, we anticipate that all services will run as scheduled.

EST would like to apologise to all passengers who had difficulties using the services to the show ground.

EST made every effort both before and on the day to organise and run the service as scheduled.

Mark Harris,
(EST Operations Director)

WHY NO BARRY COUNCILLORS ON REGENERATION BOARD?

I REFER to the article headed 'Town regeneration needs to be more imaginative, says local Vale councillor' (The GEM, July 15).

It refers to the Barry regeneration area that has been created to coordinate all regeneration-related activities in Barry and to engage with the public and private sectors, as well as voluntary bodies.

A programme board is to be established and was due to meet on July 14. The likely members on that board appear to be; two representatives from the Welsh Assembly Government who will chair the meetings, two representatives from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and four members from community interest groups.

I understand the members from the community groups are suggested to be from; Pride in Barry, Newydd Housing Association, Barry College, and the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services.

Can somebody please let the Barry electorate know why no 'elected Barry councillors' are involved; who decided upon the so-called Barry 'community groups' and why, and how many people living in Barry are on the programme board?

The only elected member of the board appears to be a councillor from "Peterston-Super-Ely", a fine chap I'm sure, but not a representative of the Barry community. Let us hope this board is not just a reconstitution of "Barry in Action" because we can see their legacy all around us and it should not be repeated.

One of the reasons I am a keen supporter of FocusBARRY is because representation like this has got to stop. People who represent the Barry community should be accountable to the people of Barry and not just selected by some unknown person or process.

Brian Osborne,
Illtyd Ward

Health and safety, or way to avoid work?

HAVING read The GEM's recent article on litter-picking in Llansannor, I have the greatest sympathy for Mrs Clancy.

I, too, have been told, not only by the Vale Council, that certain activities cease to be carried out because of health and safety concerns.

My view is that health and safety 'excuses' are too often used to avoid tasks. We all accept that staff should be able to work in a healthy and safe environment, but where will this end up?

We pay £2,000 annually in council tax and envy those areas where litter-picking is carried out daily.

Perhaps when those areas not serviced attract vermin, we will see what health and safety the public will receive.

We hope Mrs Clancy, who is showing her pride for her area, continues to pick up litter – if only for her and her family's health and safety.

Mr and Mrs WT Lloyd, Treoes

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
02 Thur			12.16	7.8
03 Fri	00.57	7.6	13.39	7.5
04 Sat	02.31	7.4	15.14	7.7
05 Sun	04.01	7.9	16.38	8.4
06 Mon	05.13	8.8	17.35	9.3
07 Tues	06.06	9.4	18.28	10.0
08 Wed	06.58	10.1	19.14	10.6
09 Thur	07.39	10.4	19.56	10.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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Court warning for Barry man with a 'fearsome habit'

REPORT BY AJ SICLUNA

A man with a "fearsome drug habit" was spotted in Barry riding a motorcycle, even though he was disqualified from driving.

When police officers arrested 47-year-old Alan Webley, they found in his possession amphetamine with a street value of up to £600, Cardiff Crown Court heard. Webley, of Barry, who was said to have 198 previous convictions, pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified, and possessing amphetamine with intent to supply.

He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, made subject to a supervision order for two years, and directed to take part in a drugs rehabilitation programme.

He was also disqualified from driving for a year.

Judge William Gaskell said: "Prison in the past has done little to prevent him offending.

"He said he had to recognise that if he didn't address his amphetamine habit, it would kill him.

He also added: "Throw away your motorcycle leathers."

Prosecutor David Thomas said that at about 3.10pm on April 26, police officers in an unmarked car spotted Webley getting on a motorcycle in a supermarket car park in College Road, Barry. They knew he was a disqualified driver.

Webley spotted the police, ran off but fell over in Jenner Road.

He was arrested and found to have the amphetamine, plus a set of scales and £90 in cash. He said he had bought the drugs for £160.

His mobile phone indicated that he had been concerned in the supply of drugs.

Mr Thomas said that among his convictions were 35 concerning drugs. Peter Harding-Roberts, his counsel, said that something had occurred to Webley when he was young which had caused him trauma and to abuse drugs.

Most of the drugs found would have been for personal use.

"I am afraid he has had a fearsome habit." he added.

Rugby memorabilia missing in Penarth

POLICE investigating the theft of rugby memorabilia from a house in Penarth have charged a 35-year-old man with burglary.

The items went missing from a property in Brandenham Place over the weekend August 21-22.

Among the items stolen were a Wales v Argentina 2006 Test rugby shirt with 'Phillips 9' on the back; a Cardiff Blues rugby shirt, again with 'Phillips 9' on the back; ticket stubs for the British Lions' rugby tests in South Africa in 2009; and a rugby ball signed by the Welsh 2005 Grand Slam winning squad.

The burglary occurred overnight between 10.45pm on Saturday, August 21 and 8.30am the following Sunday morning.

Police are now appealing to the public to help them track down the items that went missing.

Detective Constable; Emma Adams of Barry CID said: "The items stolen are very distinctive and we are appealing for any information which could lead to their return.

"It is a very distressing experience for the householder."

The man charged with burglary has been released on police bail.

Anyone with information which may lead to the recovery of these stolen items is asked to contact DC Emma Adams at Barry CID on 01446 731606 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 00800 555 111.

Fond memories of Mark and Wendy at Barry Rugby Club

by TIM CHAPMAN

A long-awaited fundraising day in memory of two great rugby fans and family friends, Mark Ames and Wendy Hayne, whose lives were cut short by cancer, has been held at Barry Rugby Club.

Wendy Hayne was a former employee of Woolworths and lived in Devon Avenue, Barry along with husband Des, her son Craig and daughters Sian and Jodie

She passed away in 2008 at the age of 46, 12 weeks after being diagnosed with cancer.

On the day Wendy sadly passed away, family friend Mark Ames, who worked for Carpetright and lived in Gloucester Close along with his wife Helen, sons Darren and Chris and daughter Kayleigh, was diagnosed with skin cancer which ended his life just four months later, aged 45

Their friends, Wayne Wheadon and Delyth Davies, wanted to keep memories of them alive, and with the support of former work colleagues and friends, a fundraising event was undertaken to raise funds for a club kit, sponsored in their names, and for Marie Curie Hospice funds in Penarth.

Wayne told The GEM: "The club chose the seconds to receive the kit as they have never had their own new kit, and have had to make do with hand-me-downs from the firsts.

"Wendy regularly attended Barry Rugby Club to watch the Six Nations tournament with Delyth. Mark was a keen rugby player in his younger years.

"Delyth's family are from Lampeter and her brother volunteered to bring a Lampeter team to Barry for a friendly game following the kit presentation."

Events on the day included displays by Barry Blue Dragoons Marching Jazz Band, The Vale Warriors Australian Rules Football team and a tribute dance by Wendy's daughters and friends.

In the spirit of the day, both teams played the game with no foul play and Barry Second XV ran out the winners.

Wayne added; "The event was supported by some 200 people and raised £472 for Marie Curie where both Wendy and Mark had received first class care.

"It is hoped to follow up the event next year to raise additional funds for the hospice."

Mark Ames' daughter Kayleigh and wife Helen.

Wendy Hayne's family – son Craig, husband Des and daughters Sian and Jodie.

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

THE Barry community has a unique opportunity to delve into its rich heritage when the town council holds its 'open day' at the town's cemetery on Saturday, September 11.

On the day, visitors will be able to examine the cemetery records, view the interior of the restored Merthyr Dyfan Chapel, and consult local historians and genealogists to find out more information about their family histories.

The Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell, explained that a cemetery information and history day was born out of an event held recently at the Memorial Hall.

"The open day came about from a day held by Barry Town Council, when people were able to see artefacts and items of interest owned by the council.

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Bryn Hafren's class of 2010 prove to be record breakers

PICTURES by **IAN DIXON**

FOLLOWING on the back of the recent outstanding A-level examination results, the pupils and staff at Bryn Hafren have further cause to celebrate this week.

The 201- GCSE examinations were the best ever recorded in the history of the school, and mark the sixth consecutive year that examination results have shown an annual improvement, far ahead of any national improvement in Wales itself.

This year, more than 60 per cent of the pupils obtained at least five top grades GCSe (A*-C), a rise of some 7 per cent over the results in 2009, and a 19 per cent rise over the last six years.

In addition, more than 97 per cent of pupils obtained at least five grades A8-G.

Again, this showed a significant improvement on the performance of last year.

The 37 most successful pupils obtained an incredible 10 or more GCSE passes at the highest grades, with some gaining 12 or 13.

The average points scored by the whole year group also showed an exceptional improvement over that obtained last year.

Head of year-11, Tracy Young, was delighted by the achievements of her pupils. She commented on how much effort that they had made and thanked her fellow staff for the tremendous support they offered to the girls.

Headteacher, Phil Whitcombe, was absolutely delighted by the results and the year on year improvements that had been maintained again this year.

He praised the hard work of the pupils and the positive support of the parents for their daughters and the school.

He also added that he was proud of the exceptionally committed staff and thanked them for so willingly giving their time, care and support to ensure that all pupils, of all abilities, had the opportunities which allowed them to achieve at the highest levels.

He said: "I am thrilled by the level of achievement of all the pupils. They have now gained the keys to open the doors for a very successful future.

"Many of our girls will be returning to school into the Barry sixth form, to continue with their studies, while others will be moving to Barry College or into the world of work.

"Whatever path they choose to follow next, we wish them well, knowing that Bryn Hafren has given them the very best start for a successful future."

St Cyres pupils celebrate 'excellent' GCSE results

FOLLOWING last week's outstanding A-level and Welsh Baccalaureate results, GCSE students at St Cyres are celebrating "another excellent set of GCSE results".

With a pass rate of 98 per cent, career prospects for St Cyres students have never been so good!

There were many other outstanding achievements, but the following 40 students all achieved five or more A/A* grades: Adeel Arshad, Daniel Love, Safiyyah Azeez, Joanna Mahenthiralingam, Nazneen Bamji, Lauren McCarthy, Jonathan Bradwick, John McGrath, Andrew Breed, Sam Middlemiss, James Cockfield, Liam Pace, Joshua Davey-Stewart, Connor Parsons, Nia Davies, Thomas Peterken, Bethan Daw, Alexander Petherick, Rachael Fowler, Daniel Pile, Simon Friend, Olivia Richards, Rhoslyn Frugtniet, Amr Saleh, Gemma Hale, Cai Thomas, Grace Hartrey, James Thomas, Ritesh Hirani, Hannah Tucker Wilson, Lorren Hutchings, Miriam Varma, Elias Jamieson, Rebecca Ward, Emily Jellings, Matthew Wedlake, Moklis Khan, Ben Wilding, Ella Lloyd Newman, Laura Alice Williams.

Headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks commented: "Once again, our hardworking students have lived up to our mission statement 'Strive Together Challenge Yourself Realise Everyone can Succeed' and gained a superb set of results. Warmest congratulations to all of them and our tremendously committed and skilled staff."

Last week, the school celebrated Welsh Baccalaureate results which were among the best in Wales. One hundred and three St Cyres students gained an additional A over and above their other A-level results which put them at a fantastic advantage when applying for university.

A large number of students are planning to join the sixth form at St Cyres to take advantage of the Welsh Baccalaureate while studying a wide range of AS and A-levels.

Enrolment takes place today (September 2) from 9am-12pm in the 6th Form Centre. Enrolment will also be possible on September 6 from 11am-12pm.

Students wishing to transfer to St Cyres from other schools should speak to the Sixth Form Office about entrance requirements. Telephone 029 2071 3558.

CALLING THE CLASS OF '67 AT THE BARRY ISLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Plan for Barry Island reunion – is it really 50 years?

Some of these pupils will be returning to the school for the first time in more than forty years this September.

ARE you in the photograph left? If so, you may be interested in catching up with some old school friends!

Three of those friends, Ann Elliott, (second row, far right) Lynne Larkham (Brown) and Alison Moya (Stillman) (front row, first left) are arranging a school reunion for the class of 1967.

Alison said: "In 1960, 50 years ago this year, approximately 40 excited and nervous children walked for the first time through the doors of Barry Island Primary School. So where are they now?

"I remember being carried kicking and screaming through the doors of Barry Island Primary School 50 years ago," says Alison.

"I had attended school the first day and really enjoyed it. However ,when I realised I had to go back, I wasn't terribly impressed. I even threw a plant pot at the teacher who was trying to "encourage" me to stay the second day.

"Well, I clearly overcame that and spent the following seven years loving my school. I have often wondered what became of my class mates and when I was approached by Ann and Lynne to help with organising a reunion I jumped at the opportunity.

Finally, the date is set for September 25 between 1–3pm".

Lynne says: "Janet Hayward the head teacher offered us the opportunity to hold the reunion at the school. Many of us have not been through the school doors since we left over 40 years ago, so it should be a great day."

Anne who is organising the guest list adds: "There are still a number of people we have been unable to trace and hope through the medium of the news these people will get in touch.

"If you were in the class of 1967 and would like to see your class mates again and perhaps exchange school stories like Alison's we would love to hear from you."

To find out more about the reunion contact Lynne on 07971 030 995 or Ann on 07946 808 964.

Garden party boosts funds for charity

Left to Right – Coun Margaret Hayley (host), Mr J Fanshaw (vice-chair DPVC), Dr Mike Robinson (chairman DPVC), Mike Hayley, Dr Joan Andrews (secretary DPVC).

MORE than 60 people attended an open garden afternoon event to raise funds for Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC).

Coun Margaret Hayley hosted the event at her home in Dinas Powys and succeeded in raising £490 for the charity.

DPVC provides support and transportation via a new and specially adapted minibus in the village, to help improve the quality of life of the elderly and people with disabilities.

Vale MP Alun Cairns, commented: "The garden is a real delight, and testimony to Margaret's hard work, attention to detail and obvious green-fingered talents."

Council opens the gates to the cemetery

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He added: "At the time, I mentioned the cemetery records and people thought it was a good idea for them to be made available, so we decided to have a day at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel.

"Visitors will be able get information on people buried at the cemetery and track down grave plots – there's an alphabetical list which is helpful."

A total of seven staff work at the cemetery which covers almost 53 acres. The first burial on the site was in 1889, but the identity of the person was unknown.

Coun Kuhnell explained that the official name of Barry Cemetery is Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, and the church that stands in the grounds is Merthyr Dyfan Chapel, but that neither should be confused with the nearby Merthyr Dyfan Church and cemetery which is not far away.

It will also be an opportunity for local people to browse round the chapel, which was opened in November 2005 following a £125,000 renovation.

Coun Kuhnell said: "People should be aware that they can hold funerals in Merthyr Dyfan Chapel.

"There is a book of remembrance in the chapel and people can have the name of a loved one put in it, and it will be displayed on the date in the year relevant to them."

Coun Kuhnell's mother Meryl, who is mayoress for the year, said: "The chapel is used for a candlelit carol service, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

"The church is in a lovely location and we hope local organisations will use it more in the future. Before the renovation, it was in a poor state, but now it is wonderful."

The open day on Saturday, September 11 starts at 10am.

Coun Kuhnell added: "We hope the people of Barry will take this opportunity to visit a location that is such an important part of their heritage."

Choir cheers Lake District flood victims

FOR the second successive year, the Barry Male Voice Choir and its supporters travelled north for their annual tour.

Their destination was the Lake District, for the serious purpose of raising money on behalf of the Cockermouth flood disaster appeal at a concert arranged by the Cockermouth Rotary Club.

A guided tour of Cockermouth's still-drying deserted streets painted a clear picture of the past devastation and continued suffering.

The concert venue was the auction hall of the Lakeland Agricultural Centre; the choir stage was the auction ring in which 300 sheep had been sold on the previous day.

A delicious hog roast provided by the generous hosts and served by the staff of the aptly named Rampant Bull, fed the body and spirit of the singers and contributed to a memorable concert.

A performance of conviction and controlled emotion was given under the inspirational direction of Musical Director Dorothy Connell, who together with talented accompanist Emma Arscott, form a powerful musical partnership.

A spontaneous standing ovation by the packed audience at the end was enjoyed with pride by every choir member.

Don Surridge, chairman of the Barry Male Voice Choir made a presentation to Billy Bowman, chairman of the Cockermouth Rotary Club on behalf of Coun Colin Osborne, Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Chorister John Davies summed up everyone's feelings by saying: "Tonight this auction room was our Royal Albert Hall."

Chorister Gareth Roberts must be congratulated for his outstanding role as compere and raconteur. His smooth linking of musical items and his skillful telling of anecdotes was warmly appreciated by everyone.

After the concert, the singing continued in a more informal manner at the Bush Inn, Cockermouth, where once again our generous hosts made the choir feel very welcome.

The following evening the choir performed at the medieval Crossthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, where proceeds were shared between the church and the local Calvert Trust.

The choir returned home, tired but proud that their efforts had once again contributed to raising valuable funds for worthy causes. They now look forward to their annual concert in St Helen's Church on October 1 at 7pm.

Prospective new members and visitors are always welcome at practices which are held every Monday and Thursday at Holy Trinity Church at the bottom of Trinity Street, Barry from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

GARETH JONES

Letter from America...

I HAVE read with great interest an article that recently appeared in The GEM in which my friend, Mr Godfrey Knight, proposes 'twinning' the Vale or Barry with Haiti, and I am writing to support his proposal and encourage the Vale Council to act upon it.

As you know, the earthquake that destroyed Haiti was monstrous, and the damage and loss of life is unbelievable. Worldwide, the response has been kind, but is fading into memory.

I have another friend, who has just returned after he and his family spent nine weeks of 12-16 hours per day working with the people of a small town in Haiti to rebuild their lives.

In discussing Mr Knight's twinning proposal with him, he suggests that the Vale Council might wish to consider a narrower scope of focus than the entire country of Haiti, or the very large city of Port au Prince.

Many other communities were either destroyed or severely damaged, and have received little or no aid from the outside world.

The town in which my friend laboured is named Pignon, and the people there are desperate. The contact in Pignon is Dr Guy Theodore, and his email address is HH5GT@aol.com

As a retired superintendent of schools of Mineral Point, wisconsin, I can speak very positively of the twinning concept, because our town (Mineral Point) and Redruth, Cornwall, UK, have been successfully twinned for many, many years.

Although I no longer reside there, I can attest to the enormous personal, social and cultural advantages that twinning has brought to the members of both communities.

In summation, I salute and endorse concern and compassion for the children suffering from this tragedy, and urge the Vale council to step forward and make a real difference in the lives of many by twinning itself with the town of Pignon.

Vincent, J Smith,
Robins, Iowa, USA

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB ROUND-UP

THE latest results from Barrivale are as follows:

Tuesday, August 10: First, Jane Brook and Betty Lewis with 72.22 per cent. In second were Gerald Gould and Noelle bond (57.43), and third were Mike Best and Mike Close (55.07). Jane and Betty also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information telephone 01446 733425.

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Hired taxi to carry off loot...

THIEVES STEAL BUCKETLOAD OF ISLAND CASH!

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

CASH totalling £2,700 in pound coins and 10p pieces, was stolen from a Barry amusement arcade and transported away in a bucket.

The thieves, Cardiff Crown Court heard, hired a taxi to carry away their loot, but fortunately, the driver became suspicious.

Justin McGuiness (24) and Rhys Phillips (21) both from Barry, admitted stealing the cash.

McGuiness, who had previous convictions for making off without paying, and handling stolen property, was sentenced to 26 weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, made subject to a one-year supervision order and directed to carry out 150 hours unpaid work, to be subject to a six-week curfew from 9pm-6am, and to be electronically tagged.

Phillips, who had no previous convictions, and was said to intend joining the army, was sentenced to a community order and to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

He, too, was made subject to a six-week curfew from 9pm-6am and to be electronically tagged.

Each man was ordered to pay £1,350 to the loser.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said the money was taken from the safe of the office manager of Stardust Amusement Arcade, Barry Island, on October 15.

Phillips was well-known, having worked there and was a frequent visitor.

He went to the arcade and spoke to the manager who trusted him, and asked to borrow his keys to test the machines. The manager agreed.

He then opened a fire exit door and allowed McGuiness into the premises.

Following this, £2,700 was taken from the safe.

Phillips called a taxi but the driver indicated he thought they were acting suspiciously because of the bucket full of cash they were carrying.

The theft was discovered two days later and Phillips was spotted on CCTV near the manager's office.

The police discovered that substantial amounts of money were paid into Phillips' bank account and there was evidence that the pair had gone together into a bank to pay in money.

"There was also evidence that they went on a shopping spree. None of the money was recovered." said Mr Trigg.

Kim Evans for Phillips, said: "He is wholly ashamed. There was an element of breach of trust. The money was frittered away."

Daniel Williams, representing McGuiness, said: "To a degree it was all planned, but it was quite unsophisticated and they were always going to be captured."

BARRY COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

Left to right standing: Dave Purnell (A4e placement mentor), Leighton Pellow, Daniel Harris, Rob Pritchard (senior ranger at Porthkerry Park), Scott Smith. (From left to right, crouching) Ed Fern, Kyle Williams.

Leading training and recruitment provider, A4e Wales, is helping unemployed people from Barry to gain work experience, while improving the local community by clearing and revamping Porthkerry Park.

The clean-up project, which aims to give the park and the old 18th century mill a new lease of life, provides a group of young people with the chance to gain much-needed skills to enhance their employability.

Working closely with people aged from 18 to 24 who have been unemployed for over six months, A4e Barry supports the young job seekers to source and complete 13 week work placements that benefit the community.

Spending 25 hours a week at Porthkerry Park, each of the eight 18-21-year-olds working on the assignment are from the local area. The project includes repainting benches, bridges, clearing the park from overgrown grass and trees that block pathways, as well as helping to restore an old 18th century mill, the focal point of the park.

During the week, the workers also spend a day at the A4e office where they receive support to find permanent employment by receiving advice on CV writing, interview techniques and job searching.

Scott, aged 20, who is part of the placement ,commented: "At the clearing project, we work five days a week from 9am-2pm. I really enjoy working in a team and find the kind of things we do every day very interesting.

"It has really helped with my timekeeping by getting me in the routine of waking up early every morning and has helped me get used to a working environment.

"At the A4E office we get a lot of support to help us to find a permanent job. With this placement experience and the skills training we get at A4e, my confidence is growing every day and I am already feeling better prepared to find work after the project finishes in October."

Dave Purnell, the placement mentor at the project said: "Before the clearing project, a lot of the guys were working in construction as labourers and, as a result of the cuts, lost their jobs.

"The project keeps them in tune with the working world and supports their job search. By working in a team, they learn a lot from each other and get an opportunity to discuss their different experiences.

"They are also gaining a new outlook on finding a job, for example accepting the fact that in order to find work they may have to open their minds and consider different industries and opportunities."

The project will run until October, after which it is hoped the young workers will be better equipped through the skills learnt and improved CVs to find sustainable employment.

Roadworks report

Canon Street, Barry – temporary traffic control on September 9 while filming takes place.
Pontypridd Street - junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place.
Station Terrace, Aberthaw – temporary traffic control.
A4055, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys Merrie Harrier bus lane – temporary traffic control.
A4055, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys Merrie Harrier bus lane – temporary traffic control.
Colcot Road/Port Road, Barry public right of way – traffic management.

Council's GCSE joy

EDUCATION chiefs in the Vale are hailing this year's GCSE results as another year of maintaining high standards.

A council spokeswoman said: "Last year's excellent performance at A and A* grades has been sustained, with 23.8 per cent of results falling within these highest categories, compared with the Welsh average of 19.2 per cent.

"There has also been further improvement on last year's figures at A* to C, with 70 pecent of Vale pupils achieving these grades, compared with the Welsh average of 66.4 per cent.

"Overall, a fantastic 98.8 per cent of entries in the Vale achieved an A* to G pass."

Coun Tony Hampton, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, congratulated pupils and schools on their outstanding results.

He said: "These results are a credit to pupils and reflect the excellence of our teaching staff within the Vale."

Bryan Jeffreys, the director of learning and development, said: "We are indebted to the work of pupils and staff.

"While the headline figures are pleasing, we will analyse the data in detail to reach conclusions about the work which needs to be done to sustain and build upon these successes."

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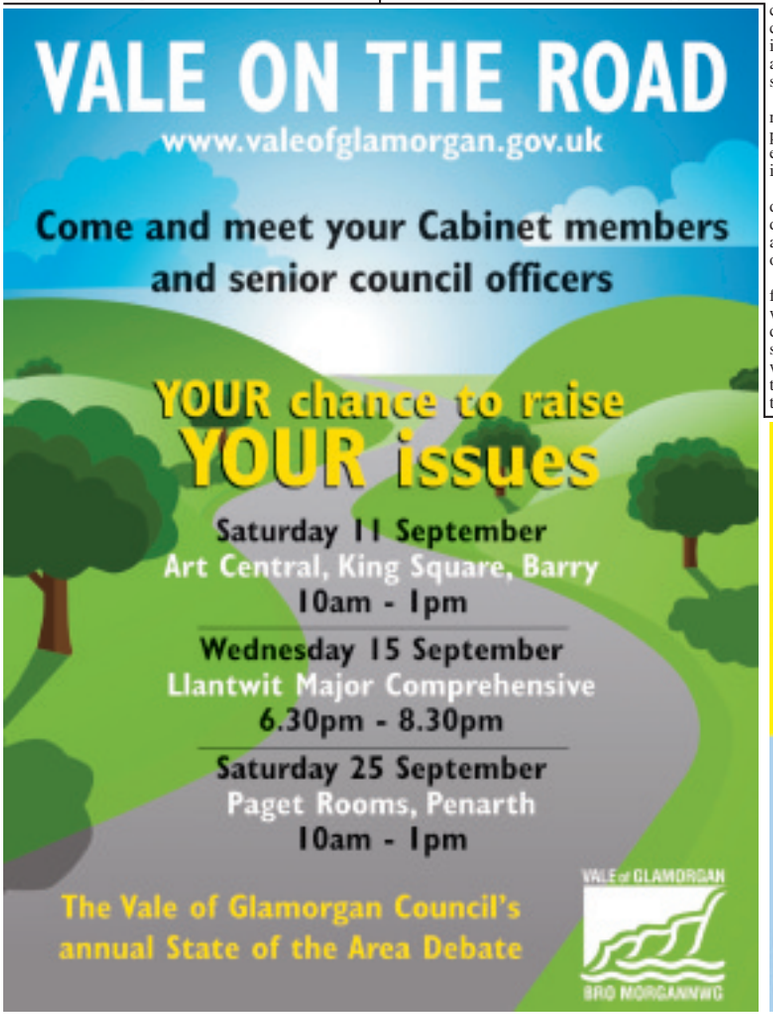


AFTER THE A-LEVEL JOY...

'Phenomenal' rise in Ysgol Bro Morgannwg's GCSE success record

LEFT: Delighted GCSE pupils who all contributed to the school's best ever results of 90 per cent A-C passes in five or more subjects.*

Rhys George achieved 13 GCSEs including 4 A and 8 A grades, Oliver Harrison and Bronwen Swain also achieved 14 A*-c grades.*

ABOVE: Bronwen Swain, Lisa Williams, Jocelyn Jeffery, Molly Jenkins and Finlay Haswell all achieved 13 GCSE passes at higher grades.

EXCELLENT teaching, dedication and hard graft by pupils and an effective mentoring scheme where the needs of all individuals is catered for have resulted in a phenomenal increase in Bro Morgannwg's GCSE results published on Tuesday.

An amazing 90 per cent of year-11 pupils at Bro Morgannwg achieved the top A*- C grades in five or more GCSE subjects in this year's exam results, surpassing last year's record breaking-score of 78 per cent and therefore recording the school's best-ever GCSE exam results.

Particularly strong this year was the attainment of pupils in the core subjects of maths, Welsh and English, where more than 80 per cent of pupils attained a grade C or above.

Repeating the pattern of previous years, able and gifted pupils achieved an array of A* and A grades, including year-9 pupil Meirin Evans from Penarth, who achieved an A* in French.

There were smiles all round on Tuesday morning as all pupils celebrated the fact that they had fulfilled their potential and had been awarded grades which reflected their efforts in preparing for the exams and the attention given to detail when revising and completing course work.

Congratulations to all Bro Morgannwg pupils and teachers for their hard work, and we look forward to welcoming many of the pupils back to year-12 to continue their studies and to build on their success.

Eleri Willicombe, Nia Sweet and Stephanie Powell will all return to study A-levels in the sixth form.

Shanelle Edwards (far right) celebrates attaining 12 A-C GCSE passes with friends Tom Perry, Bethan butler and Fern Hillberg. Shanelle has been chosen to represent Wales under-17 Ladies Football team and will travel to Russia. She has also been signed up by the Academy at Cardiff City.

CHARITY SAYS 'THANKS A MILLION!'

I AM writing to say a special thank you to all your readers who have contributed to the appeal between The British Heart Foundation (BHF) and the Home Retail Group (owners of Argos and Homebase) which has raised over £3 million for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

This partnership has raised money to place life-saving defibrillators across the UK, 66 of which have been awarded in Wales.

Argos and Homebase employees and customers in Wales raised money for the BHF by arranging store fundraising events and taking part BHF events including 'Wear Red' days for National Heart Month and The Big Donation.

I am delighted to say the partnership has been incredibly successful and to raise more than £3 million in two years is a fantastic achievement.

Staff and customers in Wales should be extremely proud, as thousands of heart attack sufferers will benefit from rapid response treatment.

Everyone associated with the BHF will always be grateful for their support for what was our most successful fundraising partnership to date.

Aneesha Moreira
(Director of Fundraising at the BHF)

WHO RULES THE KITCHEN?

Back row: 'Foxy' (Richard Fox) and Nathan Spackman from Bro Radio. Front row: The GEM's champion cook, Jan Irving, is flanked by the Vale Council's waste awareness officer Sam Harrison (left) and Vicky Lannen.

Jan of The GEM takes on Bro Radio DJ in a cook-off!

THE recent Vale Show proved an ideal platform for the Vale Council's waste management and cleansing team to promote its '*love food, hate waste*' message – with the help of two enthusiastic local chefs.

Jan Irving, Nathan Spackman and Foxy making pesto from peas and salad leaves that were left-over ingredients which would otherwise have been wasted.

The team was joined by Richard Fox (affectionately known as Foxy), a regular on the Good Food channel's Market Kitchen, who took to the stage to promote the message and provide handy tips, advice and recipes for left-overs to help everyone learn how to waste less food.

As part of the campaign, the flamboyant chef cooked several tasty recipes, such as fish cakes, using left-over fish fingers, a kedgeree dish with rice that was destined to be wasted, and tasty desserts such as a croissant and peach trifle, using pastries that were several days old.

Council waste awareness officer, Vicky Lannen, said: "With a couple of key ingredients and a little imagination, you can turn almost any leftovers into great tasting dishes.

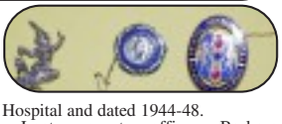
"There is very little need to create food waste, inevitably there will always be items such as egg shells, tea bags and banana skins that can't be cooked, but can be composted."

Spectators were given plenty of tips as well as inspiration for a tasty lunch.

There was added fun to the demonstration when local community station Bro Radio's rock show host Nathan Spackman took on the Glamorgan GEM's Jan Irving in a friendly 'cook- off' in front of the crowds.

The pair competed on presentation, entertainment and taste, with Jan being declared the champion at the end of thefoodie contest!

Search for owner of lost property in Vale



Pictures show the four necklaces and a close up of the brooches.

VALE police are trying to find the owner of necklaces and brooches found inside an old brown leather case in a river at Llancarfan.

They says that the bag, which is now beyond repair, contained a jade double-stringed necklace, a string of pearls and two glass crystal necklaces. In addition, there was a distinctive silver coloured brooch of an Eastern dancing figure.

The bag also contained two nursing badges with the same name engraved on the rear of each. These were a 'SRN' badge was dated 1948 and the second badge was from Bristol Royal Hospital and dated 1944-48.

Lost property officer, Barbara Morris said: "These lovely pieces of jewellery were obviously of great sentimental value to their owner. We would like to hear from anyone who may recognise them so we can return them.

"Both nurse's badges bear the same name and we believe that whoever knows whose jewellery this is will be able to give us the correct name."

Contact Vale of Glamorgan Police lost property officer, Barbara Morris at Barry Police Station on 101.

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Turning better broadband from dream to reality

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

SINCE I launched the 'better broadband in the Vale' campaign in The GEM last month, I've been inundated with responses from residents across the Vale.

Broadband access and delivery is clearly a huge problem for a great many of us living and working here.

Though Barry has the good fortune of being one of the early 'Super Fast Broadband' towns targeted by BT Openreach, I know of examples where some properties in a street have access, while others haven't.

Education usage of the internet is problematic too, not only for students in Barry – but in households from Dyffryn to Southerndown.

Using broadband for social activities also hits a wall, whether it's being unable to get Sky TV in parts of Ystradowen due to poor broadband capacity, or simply viewing videos via BBC iPlayer or YouTube.

It is, of course, a significant problem in the rural villages, and good broadband links are essential to support business and communities.

Business people working from home in villages such as Colwinston or Flemingston, have made strong presentations on how low speeds are affecting their business negatively.

One case highlights the fact that they are unable to complete essential business processes online with Companies House – who now favour all processes being completed online!

The next stage of the campaign is to meet with a senior representative of BT Openreach. A date is already scheduled and I will present each case, asking what needs to happen to increase broadband speeds.

BT Openreach, the part of the BT group responsible for the broadband network, is focused on meeting the larger demands of towns and cities with a high speed broadband infrastructure. Barry is one of those towns but the rural Vale is not as fortunate.

There is a need for government support and cash previously allocated for digital television switchover to be used to improve broadband.

How and where that money will be spent is yet to be decided. That's where my report and discussions with BT Openreach are vital in trying to make the dream of better broadband in the Vale a reality.

Do contact me if you have broadband issues, and I'll add to my report to make the strongest possible case to BT's Openreach. You can get in touch via www.aluncairns.com or by calling 01446 403814.

RSPCA appeal after...

Kitten found in shoe box

THE RSPCA has been left shocked after a kitten was found at a park in Barry in a taped-up shoe box.

The kitten was found on Wednesday, August 4 in playing fields near Treharne Road. Aged about 12 weeks old, the cat was black with white colouring under his chin.

The shoebox was bound with sticky tape and he was trapped in a taped up shoebox. Even the air holes were covered over.

The kitten is now recovering under the care of RSPCA staff.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said: "It beggars belief that someone could treat a tiny animal so callously and it's vital that we contact the owner as soon as possible.

"If anyone knows anything about this incident, I would urge them to come forward as a matter of urgency."

• *Anyone with information regarding this incident should telephone the RSPCA on 0300 1234999.*

Calls made are made in strict onfidence.

'The inspector's recommendation is compromised'

I REFER to the article headed, 'There must not be more than 80 houses on the White Farm site', Barry GEM, August 26, and in particular to the comment from the developer that outline planning permission was for 52 per cent open space.

This land was considered in detail by the Independent Planning Inspector at the Public Local Inquiry into objections to the Unitary Development Plan.

The inspector recommended that 5.2ha of the site be allocated for housing, to accommodate about 130 dwellings at a density of 25 dwellings per hectare, the remaining 7.4 ha was to be informal open space.

The Vale Council's policy document included the recommendation.

I'm sure there must be a good reason, but perhaps somebody could explain the reduced proportion of open space and why the planning inspector's recommendation seems to have been compromised.

Dennis Harkus, Barry

Were these 'fishy' traders for real?

SHOPPERS in Barry town centre last week encountered some rather unusual traders – with decidedly unsavoury products for sale!

"The Fairly Fresh Fish Company, with a bizarre assortment of dancing crustaceans and an oddly-behaved octopus, wandered the market flaunting their fishy fare!

"Also, Dot Comedy's market stall laid out a spread of items for sale that, on closer examination, were really quite rubbish, with special offers such as 'double the price' regularly announced!" a Vale Council spokeswoman reported.

Crowds were drawn further into the ruse by planted performer 'The Thinker' – who caused all sorts of mischief as he was compelled to act out 'thoughts' projected out loud through a speaker hidden on his chest; while artist Picasso Griffiths pitched up to offer on-the-spot caricatures of those passing by.

The performers were there as part of the Barry Festival, a series of free events in the town centre, organised by the Vale Council.

Council events officer Michael Chubb said:

"The day was a great success with many shoppers and visitors stopping to explore the market to hunt out our unusual performers.

"What was interesting was that many people didn't realise who were the real traders and who were the performers!"

The Fairly Fresh Fish Company finds some new customers.

Picasso Griffiths shows another happy visitor their portrait.

IN BRIEF

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, September 4, from 10.30am-12pm in the Drop-In Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment necessary. Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506116.

Dyspraxia group

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will take place at 7.30pm on Monday, September 6, in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

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THESE eye-catching pictures were taken by keen photographer and GEM reader Robert Fisher of Cowbridge, who was among the 500,000 enthusiasts, many of them from south Wales, drawn to the recent Bristol Hot Air Balloon Fiesta.

Now in its 32nd year, the world-famous festival, said to be the largest in Europe, attracted some highly unusual entries of all shapes and sizes, as Robert's snapshots clearly show!

There were balloons of every style, shape and size – and other curios that caught the photographer's eye, including this bunch of bananas (above) and (right) a somewhat scary-looking cow with bell!

TOP LEFT: A rather gentle and bashful-looking dragon waits to show off its flying prowess, while the gnome (left) is also poised to take to the air.

Vale highlights in the Cadw calendar

TWO of Wales' best-known heritage secrets in the Vale – St Lythan's Burial Chamber and Ogmore Castle – star in the new 2011 Cadw calendar.

Featuring some of the best-known historic sites in Wales, the calendar, which is priced at £8.95, available from most Cadw sites, also includes scenic photographs of St David's bishop's palace in Pembrokeshire; Valle Crucis Abbey and Rhuddlan Castle in Denbighshire; Neath Abbey; Tretower Court in Brecknockshire; Beaumaris Castle on Anglesey; Cymer Abbey in Gwynedd and Raglan Castle, Kidwelly Castle and Dryslwyn Castle in Carmarthenshire.

Diane Williams, head of Cadw Publications, said: "We commissioned some stunning new photography this year and are very pleased with the finished calendar.

"As well as featuring some of Wales's most visited sites, such as Beaumaris and Kidwelly Castles, we've also photographed some of the 'hidden jewels' in our care – such as the serene ruins of Cymer Abbey and the fascinating St Lythans Burial Chamber near Barry.

"The calendar is a perfect pictorial accompaniment for any busy household or office wall."

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D633.

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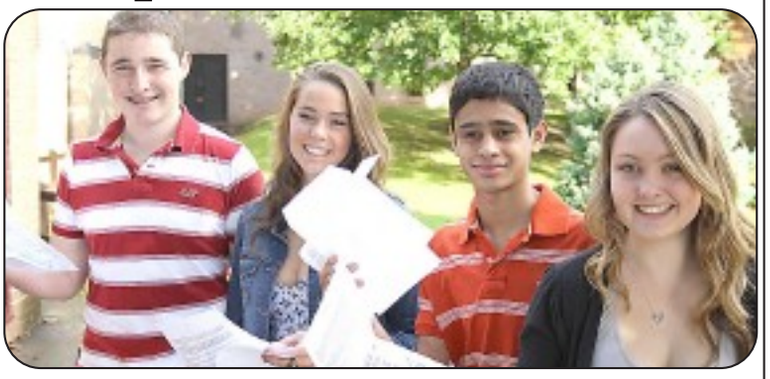

Left to right: Year-11 students Michael Griffin, Holly Lidbury, Rohan Hemmadi and Annie Wood celebrate their GCSE results.

THE Cathedral School Llandaff, Cardiff's, has reported 100 per cent of its year-11 pupils achieving seven or more GCSEs at A*-C, with 63 per cent of the grades being A* or A.

There were particularly strong performances in mathematics, sciences, ICT, history, German and sport.

The school's head girl, Holly Lidbury, who gained 13A*/A grades said: "My A* in art is a miracle! I never thought I would do so well; there were so many tears involved in doing the subject off timetable, as an addition to everything else. I'm over the moon!"

Other pupils who have done particularly well include Rohan Hemmadi of St Fagans, who gained 11 A*/A grades, Michael Griffin of Penarth who secured 11 A*/A grades and Annie Wood of Dinas Powys who gained 12 A*/A grades.

The Cathedral School's headmaster, Stephen Morris said:

"We are delighted at these results and very proud of our pupils and staff. The unique offering at the Cathedral School ensures that pupils achieve highly academically, without sacrificing their other interests; they continue to play sport at a very high level, excel in the arts and rehearse and perform wonderful music. We have recently announced ambitious development plans for the school, including the provision of a sixth form, and we look forward to sustaining academic excellence up to the age of 18 in due course."

The Cathedral School has a mixed ability intake but has been, for the last six years, one of the highest achieving schools in Wales at GCSE, with equally strong achievements for boys and girls.

The year-11 cohort consisted of 57 boys and girls from Cardiff and the surrounding area.

The school will host an open morning on Saturday, October 9 from 10am-12.30pm.

ADVICE SURGERY

RHOOSE councillors Jeffrey James and Gordon Kemp will be holding an advice surgery on Saturday, September 4 at the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart road, Rhoose from 10am-12noon. No appointment is necessary.

TOP OF THE GCSE TABLE!

ABOVE: Seven of Barry Comprehensive School's top achievers – Ben Callow, Jeff Bevan, Kyle Harfoot, Christopher Newby, Tomas Ellis, George Scott and Caelum Davies.

An 'outstanding set' of results at Barry Comp

RIGHT: Successful students Sam Rimell, Ieuan Thomas and Joseph Smit were the first to register with Mr Bourton to return to the Sixth Form.

BARRY Comprehensive School GCSE students and their teachers are celebrating another "outstanding set" of results, with the top 10 pupils amassing 121 A* and A grades between them.

Jeff Bevan, Ben Callow, Caelum Davies, Tomas Ellis, Kyle Harfoot, Luke James, Lewis Jenkins, Lloyd Jones, Christopher Newby and George Scott are top of a results table that saw pupils achieve excellent grades right across the school's wide range of GCSE, Welsh Baccalaureate, Diploma, BTEC and GNVQ qualifications.

Overall, 70 per cent of students achieved five or more A*- C grade GCSE or equivalent qualifications, with 38 per cent of students achieving 10 or more A*- C grades.

Headteacher David Swallow said: "Everyone at the school is proud of this years examination results, particularly with the high number of top grades.

"Through their own hard work, and the support provided by the school, students are now well placed to make the best of future opportunities in education and training.

"We wish all our GCSE students good luck with their future endeavours, and look forward to welcoming many students back to continue their studies with us in the Sixth Form."

Howell's school celebrates

HOWELL'S girls again gained "outstanding" GCSE results, with 46 per cent of the girls in year-11 achieving all A* or A.

Said Mrs Sally Davis, principal of Howell's: "I am delighted that our students have been rewarded with such impressive results.

"The students and staff have worked extremely hard and this success is well deserved. Many congratulations to everyone,"

"We look forward to welcoming the girls to the Sixth Form College."

Fibromyalgia support

THe Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group's monthly meeting will be held on September 7, in the Barry public library at 10am-12.30pm.

Anyone who suffers from Fibromyalgia, or seeks information on the long-term health condition, will be welcome.

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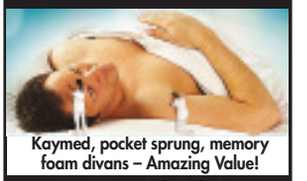

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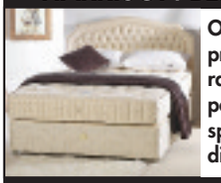

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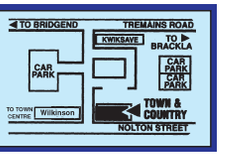

Plaid claim Vale court review is 'a sham'

PLAID CYMRU'S Dr Ian Johnson has claimed that a consultation into whether the Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates' Court should stay open appears to be "a sham".

Dr Johnson, who is the Plaid candidate for next year's Assembly elections, pointed out that the administration changes, which will see Barry-based staff moved to other courts in south Wales, will come into effect in the same week as the consultation on keeping the court open comes to an end.

Dr Johnson said: "This is a consultation which many people believe is a sham and is purely aimed at closing the Vale Magistrates' Court in Barry.

"The Conservative government's timing of the consultation is appalling. We are several weeks away from the end of the consultation but getting information is very difficult due to the holiday season."

Dr Johnson said he was shocked to hear that administrative changes were continuing to be pushed through which would see staff moved out of Barry to other courts in south Wales.

"This makes no sense as the consultation is asking for opinions on the operation of a court which will be working very differently by the time that decisions are made on its future."

Dr Johnson demanded the coalition government re-think its plans.

"These administration changes should be stopped now until a decision has been made on the court's future.

"Justice should be served locally and the Vale should keep a fully operating magistrates' court.

"In the last three years, more than 20,000 cases have been heard there, and millions of pounds have been spent recently on upgrading the cells and the building, money that will be wasted if the court is closed."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said that rather than making political capital, Dr Johnson should reflect the fact that there was cross-party support in favour of keeping the court open.

He said: "Local magistrates, charitable groups and I are doing all we can to respond to the consultation to show that there is a strong case for the Vale Magistrates' Court to stay open.

"It would be more helpful if Dr Johnson also responded to show that there is a cross-party approach on this issue.

"Simply seeking to make party political points won't save the court. Showing that costs will increase for the police if the court closes will have a much better impact. Shouting from the sidelines won't get us anywhere."

Mr Cairns added: "I have another meeting with the magistrates scheduled for today (September 2) to ensure that we are co-ordinating our actions in the best way.

"Responses need to be submitted to the Ministry of Justice by September 15."

POLICE APPEAL

POLICE in Barry are appealing to the public for information regarding two incidents of lewd behaviour on Saturday (August 28) between 4.30pm and 4.45pm.

A police spokesman said that a white, ginger-haired man was seen exposing himself in the area known as the 'Golden Steps', which links Marine Parade and Porthkerry Park in Barry.

He was wearing a black cap, black top and black shorts, possibly with a white drawing or picture on the top. He was about five feet five inches tall, in his late 30s or early 40s, possibly with a mole on his left cheek.

Detective Constable Mark Glover of Barry CID said: "This man was seen on two occasions in the area of the Golden Steps in Barry on Saturday afternoon and we would like to speak to anyone who may recognise him."

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Viv Chapman.

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Forget the World... **Scott Pilgrim takes on this film critic - and slays him!**

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

BRITISH director Edgar Wright has enjoyed a steady climb up the ladder from television to Hollywood.

Having cut his teeth helming both series of cult (and well worth checking out) sitcom *Spaced,* Wright moved onto the big screen with *Spaced* star Simon Pegg for 2004's *Shaun of the Dead* and then with 2007's *Hot Fuzz.*

With a directing style that is resolutely his own, Wright has won many admirers in Tinseltown, and makes his American film bow with this graphic novel adaption, *Scott Pilgrim vs The World.*

Scott (played by Michael Cera) is the bassist in Toronto band Sex Bob-omb, and his world is turned upside down when he meets Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead).

Not only does he fall for her, he also discovers that if he wants to win her heart he'll need to defeat her seven evil exes, a group who are intent on stopping Scott before he's even started...

Scott Pilgrim... is not your usual boy-meets-girl romantic film; in fact, it's not like your usual film full stop.

Instead, it is a work that mixes and mashes style and genres to dizzying effect, creating a film that is something wonderful to behold - and something that, while not to everyone's tastes, is a jaw-dropping effort.

Those unfamiliar with the source material (such as myself) need not worry, as there is little in the way of keeping the story strictly for the hardcore fanbase; instead, it whirrs by on the universal nature of the story, yet presents itself so uniquely that it burns into your brain, and much of this is down to Edgar Wright's direction.

Those versed in his work on *Spaced* will hardly be shocked by the genre hopping and ability to cram so many elements together, but *Scott Pilgrim...* is Wright, to steal a Spinal Tap parlance, turned up to 11.

The danger, of course, if left untempered is that it would be easy for Wright to fall into the trap of being too self-indulgent, yet he shows both considerable creativity and a pleasing level of restraint.

Consider the action sequences (superbly handled by Wright, a relative novice to the genre), with their zooms, fast cuts and special effects, and compare them to the quieter moments, such as Scott and Ramona's first 'date', and you can see that there is more to Wrights direction that just 'wham-bam'. Instead, he shows he is just as capable of being loud and bombastic as is of being quiet and poised.

He also makes a clever allusion to video games, specifically those of the 1990s. Treating the film as one long game, complete with extra lives and weapons, there is wit and tender homage in these moments that are wonderfully done, while the Batman-esque 'thwacks' and 'pows' are similar humorous yet completely fitting.

Wright's direction is the tool that propels the film, its kinetic energy lending itself perfectly to the pacing of the film, and the screenplay, adapted by Wright and Michael Bacall, complements the direction wonderfully well.

Given the episodic nature of the story, the film could have been stop-start, yet there is enough going on, with several supporting characters given a pleasing level of importance, that it flows with ease.

The cast are all very much up to the job in hand across the board, the performances hitting the spot and offering something memorable.

With the majority of screentime, and numerous stunts and fights to pull off, Scott Pilgrim may be the most rounded performance of Michael Cera's career thus far.

The character and performance engages throughout, and you are perpetually rooting for Pilgrim in his battle against the evil exes.

As the object of his affection, Mary Elizabeth Winstead offers a winning turn as the mysterious newcomer who becomes the centre of Scott's world.

The actress' turn is cool but with a huge degree of likeability, and hopefully, this film will show how skilled an actress Winstead is.

The supporting players all have their chances to shine in developed characters, from Kieran Culkin as Scott's roommate, Anna Kendrick as his sister, Ellen Wong as Knives Chau, and Mark Webber and Alison Pill as Scott's bandmates.

Meanwhile, the evil exes are played with glorious aplomb by the likes of Chris Evans, Brandon Routh and Jason Schwartzman – there is nary a lacking performance in the film.

If there is a complaint to be made about this film, it is that is so unabashedly its own beast and plays by its own rules that it will cause those not sold on it to deem it a piece of work that is far too self indulgent and off-centre to work.

Well, those may feel they have a point, but to do so would be overlooking a bravura film whose stylistic tics and headache-inducing visuals are all part of the larger picture – and what a picture it is, as *Scott Pilgrim vs The World* is truly superb.

VERDICT - Utterly compelling, visually inventive and, at times, breathtaking, *Scott Pilgrim vs The World* is Edgar Wright's tour-de-force – a film that truly highlights how skilled a film maker he is.

With an excellent soundtrack and a cast that is uniformly superb, this is one film that will rattle your brain and resonate for a long time afterward.

Essential viewing.

All smiles at St Richard Gwyn

LEFT: There were smiles all round at St Richard Gwyn on GCSE results day.

HEADTEACHER Mike Clinch was all smiles as his students picked up their results from the GCSE exams at St Richard Gwyn in Barry last week.

The school's results were 10 per cent above the Vale "best possible" target, as 62 per cent of pupils gained five or more A-C grades.

The 120 pupils gained a total of 239 A or A* grades between them.

The girls were particularly pleased as they walked away with their results, especially Ellie Davies (eight A*s and two As) and Ankita Benny (seven A*s and three As)

However, the boys weren't far behind, despite all the stories about boys' lack of achievement, as Shannon Horrigan (eight A*s, one A and a B), Joseph Brophy (four A*s, five As and a B), Dan Giernalczyk (four A*s, five As and a B), and Ibrahim Yasin (five A*s, five As and a B).

The head boy and girl Jess Dawe and Jordan Moore notched up 19 A*s and As, as well as keeping the prefects in order and assisting staff in many school events throughout the year.

Chaplain Nicky Price said: "It is a great day to see our students and staff who have worked so hard, receiving the results they deserve.

"The staff are as excited as year-11 and today shows what a brilliant school we have here

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On tour with Gavin and Stacey at Barry Island

All aboard for the grand** (Gavin and Stacey) **tour!

BARRY'S latest tourist attraction, a coach tour of locations where the hit TV series Gavin and Stacey was filmed, is now up and running in the Vale.

The GEM sent work experience student, Martha Rogers, along to join the tourists on the trip. This is her report:

SINCE *Gavin and Stacey* hit our television screens in 2007, Barry has become a tourist magnet for visitors from across the world.

A *Gavin and Stacey* tour bus introduced earlier this year is regularly filled with fans wanting to see for themselves local locations used in the TVseries.

As a *Gavin and Stacey* fan myself, I didn't want to pass up a chance to go on the tour bus. I was surprised that the majority of people on the bus were English holidaymakers, showing that the show really has drawn people from far and wide.

One fan, Nick Wright, says it was partly the reason why he came to Wales, 'We probably wouldn't have come here on holiday if it wasn't for *Gavin and Stacey*, but we wanted to see all the sets!

"When we heard about the tour through a website, it seemed perfect - exactly what we were looking for!"

The show has attracted a huge following over its three-year run. The tour takes in sets such as Stacey's house, the church where Nessa and Dave almost got married, and where baby Neil was baptized, Nessa's 'slots arcade', Smithy's local, 'Marco's' - where Stacey worked in the third series - and Barry Island - home to *Gavin and Stacey*.

The friendly tour guide, Brenda Tucker Lowell, was very knowledgeable about the show. She said: "There has been a lot of interest in the tour bus, with people coming from all over the world; in fact, we've had hardly any Welsh people at all!

"We've had English, Irish, Australian and Canadians. We're full nearly every tour, it's been very popular!"

So, what has made Gavin and Stacey so popular? Steven and Kelly Castles from Berkshire said: "We love the show because it's so funny, it's easy to watch, and also romantic.

"Our daughter also watches it, she was so jealous when we rang her up last night and told her we were going on this tour!"

The tour was very lively with Uncle Bryn's version of 'Islands in the Stream' blaring on the bus ('Dave's Coaches' from the series).

Lyric sheets were handed out for a sing-a-long, quiz questions were asked throughout the tour, and there was also a prize given out to whoever could ask a *Gavin and Stacey* related question that no one else knew the answer to.

Russell Wells, who was also on the bus, said: "I would definitely reccomend this tour to friends. I was looking forward to going on 'Dave's Coaches' and seeing the church - the tour as a whole was fantastic."

The tour costs £20 per person, £70 for a family ticket (two adults and two children aged under12) or £80 for a group of five

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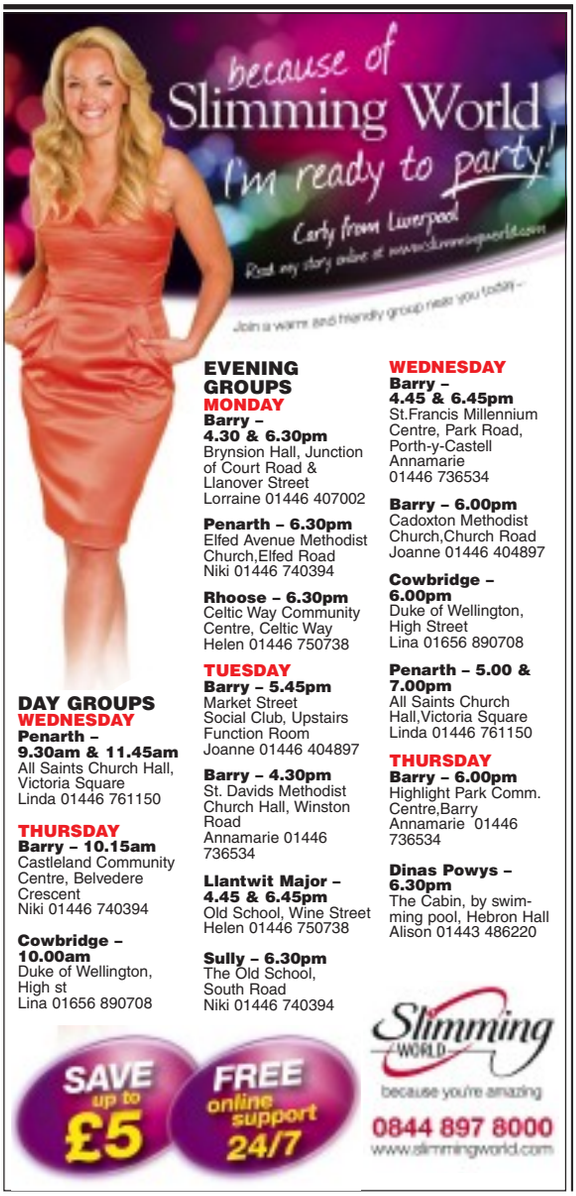

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Until Saturday, September 25, every M&S Café will donate 10 per cent of the value of a range of products, including Victoria sponge, carrot cake, bacon sandwiches, egg and cress sandwich and chocolate brownies!

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Once you've enjoyed the M&S Café experience, you won't be able to resist signing up to host your own World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

It couldn't be easier – sign up, then check out Macmillan's website for recipes, grab the apron, create chaos in the kitchen and whip up a frenzy of mouth-watering treats for your guests.

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Coffee Morning falls on September 24, but you can hold one whenever it is convenient for you. Just one small mug of coffee really can make a big difference – so to make that cuppa count, register now at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 070 1315.

GWYNETH WAS ONE OF FIRST NURSES IN AREA

One of the first Macmillan nurses in the area was Gwyneth Poacher, who has been the driving force behind the Sandville Self-Help Centre in Ton Kenfig.

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Gwyneth travelled with members of the Sandville team who are pictured above.

(Gwyneth is standing between the Prime Minister and the Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon.)

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Top celebrity choices to inspire your coffee morning

PUT a smile on your mug and help change lives by signing up for Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 24!

This year, to inspire us to take part and get creative in the kitchen, a selection of celebrities have kindly shared what their favourite coffee morning treats are, including TV presenter Claudia Winkleman, who swears by delicious blueberry muffins.

Claudia said: "Blueberry muffins are delicious, ready in a few simple steps, and so moreish that I'll have to quadruple the quantities for guests at my Macmillan coffee morning!"

Dame Judi Dench, Lynda Bellingham, Samantha Cameron, Martin Clunes and Katherine Jenkins have also shared their favourite coffee morning treats such as cupcakes, chocolate truffles, carrot cake, and giant cookies.

To inspire the budding bakers among you, the Macmillan website has all these recipes, plus many more, all provided by Silver Spoon, official category partner of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2010.

They can be found at ***www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee.***

Whether in the office, a local pub, the town hall or in your own front room, we're sure that your guests will love your homemade cakes.

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Out and About with The GEM

Audition time for pantomime society

FOLLOWING the success of the 'meet and greet' evening, the Llantwit Major Pantomime Society will be holding the first auditions at 10am on Sunday, September 5 in the Llantonian Hall for children who would like a chance to be in their forthcoming production of Puss in Boots.

Children must be at least eight years of age by February 24, 2011. An adult must accompany all children below the age of 14. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday morning from 10am-12noon in the Llantonian Hall.

Anyone interested in any aspect of the pantomime is welcome to attend on Tuesday, September 7 in the Llantwit Major comprehensive school hall at 7.30pm when the first auditions for adults begin.

Rehearsals for adults will be every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.30pm-9.30pm in the school hall. The planned production dates are February 24-26 with a total of four shows.

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CHARITY LINE DANCE AT LLANHARAN FOR KYLE

A CHARITY line dance will be held at Llanharan Rugby Club on Saturday, September 4 (8pm until late) in aid of the Kyle's Goal charity.

A charity spokeswoman said: "Kyle Beere was a typically fit, healthy and intelligent 12-year-old boy with a promising football career in front of him.

"On November 14, 2009, he walked into the accident and emergency unit with a severe headache. What was unknown at the time was that he was suffering a massive brain haemorrhage caused by a rare condition called Arteriovenous Malformations (AVM)."

Kyle, who lives in Cardiff, has so far had two major and two minor brain surgeries, along with a tracheotomy at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW).

The spokeswoman said: "Thanks to his love for life and the excellent medical teams at the hospital, Kyle has defied all the odds and is making excellent progress every day.

"He is however, now in the unenviable position of having to relearn all cognitive and motor skills, e.g. learning to walk and talk again, that would have previously come naturally to him.

"We cannot underestimate the huge challenge that Kyle still has to face."

Kyle's family thought the rehabilitation would take place at either the new Children's Hospital for Wales, or at the long-established rehabilitation centre at Rookwood Hospital.

However, Rookwood only accepts patients of 16 years or older and there is no rehabilitation facility at UHW or anywhere else in Wales and the South West.

The nearest suitable facility is in Tadworth, Surrey, and is 160 miles away from Kyle's friends and family.

The charity's aim is to raise funds for a similar unit in south Wales.

WHAT'S ON IN BRIEF

LIFT group

THE voluntary organisation LIFT (Life Is For Today) is a self-help group which supports those affected by breast cancer.

The next LIFT group meeting will be in Cowbridge on Wednesday, September 8 between 10am-1pm for therapies, and again on Wednesday, September 11, 2pm-4pm for an arts and crafts demonstration. New members welcome.

Contact Hilary on 01446 749756, or Anne on 01446 772843 for further information.

Plaid advice

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any issues or concerns with Plaid councillors, Caroline Turner and Barry Shaw, joined by Keith Stockdale, at Holton Primary School, Pyke Street, Barry from 11am-12noon on Saturday, September 11.

No appointments are necessary.

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog s Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

Shy Bobby likes quiet home life

THIS week: Bobby Bobster is a four and a half year old Collie cross.

Bobby Bobster.

A spokeswoman reports: He is a sweet and sensitive dog. He can be shy and lack confidence and likes his own space. He loves his toys and will happily play fetch all day given the chance!

He mixes with other dogs, but is best suited as the only dog in the home. He is housetrained and fine to be left for a few hours.

Type of home needed: He will need a quiet home environment with an experienced owner who is used to Collie types. He is not suitable with children and needs an adult only home.

In the right home, given time and patience, Bobby will make a lovely, rewarding companion.

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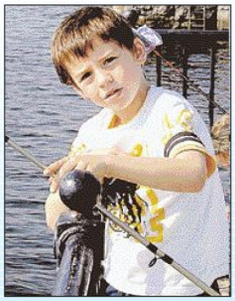

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Sponsored walk for Age Concern

AGE CONCERN'S Western Vale Good Neighbour Scheme is holding a sponsored walk on Saturday, September 4.

The walk will start at 10am from the Age Concern office, 1 Commercial Street, Llantwit Major. From the office, walkers will take the road down to the beach and after a short rest, will return to the office for tea and cakes.

Proceeds from the walk will be used to fund the Christmas Party for Good Neighbour Scheme clients.

All walkers welcome, family, friends and dogs included.

For more information, please telephone Glynis Somerville, the scheme co-ordinator on 01446 795549.

CYPIC's splash

CYPIC (Children and Young People In the Community) has run another summer programme for the Castleland Community in partnership with SPLASH, the Youth Offending Service.

Activities are continuing, so if you would like more information on the summer programme or other CYPIC projects, please contact the Drop in Centre on 01446 403549 and ask for Soraya Cordle.

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Evening WI set for Pencoed

THE WI is planning to open a new evening WI in Pencoed at St David's Church Hall.

Ladies are invited to come along for a chat, a cuppa and to hear more about the WI at the hall on Wednesday, September 15 at 7.30pm.

For more information, please telephone 01639 881588.

Olympic stamp winners

THE winners of a pack of Olympic stamps are:

Jocelyn James, Boverton; Phil Murphy, Rhoose Point; Mary Thomas, Penarth; Ivy Payne, Barry; Liz Richfield, St Athan; Brian Fisher, Dinas Powys; Mrs C Evans, Cwmbran; Mr E Powell, Pencoed; Mrs A King, Pencoed; GM Holmes, Boverton; Mrs LD Good, Sully; Mrs MR Hunter, Cowbridge; Mrs MJ Cassom, Barry; Jessica Cooper, Llantwit Major; Mrs I Morgan, Barry; Kathy Edwards, Dinas Powys; WE Dunn, Sully; MM Gordge, Llantwit Major; Mr G Sutcliffe, Cowbridge; Mrs B Burden, Llantwit Major.

Congratulations to you all!

Out and About with The GEM

'Vale on the Road' to show vision for the future of the area

LOCAL residents will have a chance to air their views to Vale Council cabinet members and council officers on the area's future this month.

Vale on the Road will be at Barry's King Square, in the town centre, and Art Central gallery, in the Town Hall, between 10am and 1pm on September 11 to meet residents.

Leader of the Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "During the months of September and October in 2009, cabinet members visited Barry, Rhoose and Penarth. The cabinet members, including myself, and our officers enjoyed meeting with residents. Hearing the views of local people first-hand is extremely useful to us.

"Following the success of last year's events, we planned a similar format for this year, starting with Barry. We look forward to meeting people at this year's events."

Other dates

September 15, *Llantwit Major – Llantwit Major Comprehensive 6.30pm-8.30pm.*

September 25, *Penarth – Paget Rooms 10am-1pm.*

IN BRIEF

Waterfront Festival

THE Barry Waterfront Festival takes place this Saturday (September 4) at 10am-10pm; and Sunday) at 11am-7pm.

On Sunday, there will also be a thanksgiving service to the armed forces and Merchant Navy at 10am. All are welcome.

A public reading/recital of Barry Seamen, penned by Captain Joe Earl, will be part of the service.

Flower Club

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club will hold a meeting at 7.30pm on September 8 at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Julie Pearce will give a demonstration entitled 'One Step through the clouds'.

Dyffryn House inspires Vale artists' exhibition

AN exhibition of new work by Vale artist group, VOGA , will be held at Dyffryn House from September 11 to October 10.

Penarth-based painter, Pauline Williams, said: "My art is mainly about human figures in the landscape, and my painting 'Long Roman Days' is a modern painting of an ancient subject that I sketched at Dyffryn's Roman re-enactment weekend at St Nicholas."

Paul Baker, chairman of VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists), said: "We are very grateful to curator Gerry Donovan for inviting us to work at Dyffryn. We have enjoyed every support from the management and staff throughout the year".

For example, one of Paul Baker's paintings in the exhibition is a portrait of one of Dyffryn's gardeners, Ron Amos.

Twelve other artists are also exhibiting: Eileen Allan, Eve Hart, Kay Keogh, Shirley Anne Owen and Ann Townson, all showing paintings; Gwyn Price and Mel Forse, showing sculptures; Teresa Bridger, Susan Edwards, Peter Moulding, Sue Roberts and Bernard van Lierop, showing prints, including photography.

The first weekend of the exhibition is also Dyffryn Gardens' only "Open Doors" weekend, with free entry for all.

Artist Pauline Williams with Dyffryn curator Gerry Donovan.

PACT meetings

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community Centre, September 8 at 7pm.

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, September 14 at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Arthur Davis Court, Barry, September 15 at 12 noon.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, Barry, September 17 at 6pm.

DYFAN PACT, Barry Comprehensive School, September 21 at 6pm.

PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, Pendoylan School, September 9 at 7.45pm.

PENLLYN Coffee and Chat, Red Fox Public House, September 15 at 11am.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, September 2 at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT, Elfed Avenue Church, September 3 at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Chapel, September 20 at 7pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT, Brockhill Way Community Centre, September 20 at 7pm.

Vale AM's surgery

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on September 4 at The Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major from 10am-11am and at the Old School Hall, Church Lane, St Athan from 11.30am-12noon.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:
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Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00756/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Renewal of slate roofing with provision of breathable underfelt; additional roof insulation quilt; repair/repointing of chimney stacks; renew leadwork to stacks and roof vallies; repair/renew timber fascia, soffit boards and redecoration; repair/renew metal rainwater goods and redecoration
Location:/Lleoliad: The Rectory, Llandow

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00807/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Works to external elevations comprising of repairs to roof, fascias, windows, doors and walls
Location:/Lleoliad: Picketston House, Picketston

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00846/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing stable block and toilet block. Construction of two storey extension to rear and alterations to existing listed building. Change of use to A1 retail and residential
Location:/Lleoliad: 20, High Street, Cowbridge

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00879/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Rear extension, addition of safety balustrade to 3rd storey flat roof and solar panels. Roofing of alleyway, new window, addition of en-suite, resiting and upgrading boiler and re-rendering
Location:/Lleoliad: 3, Pwll-y-Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely,

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building
Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00769/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 1 (DTC Main Gate) incorporating matters including: - buildings (Church and World Faith; Gurkha Temple; Guardhouse; Sentry box; Gate House and Museum); access; parking facilities; landscaping; and sustainability
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 1 Main Gate, MOD St. Athan
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting the Church of St. Brise which is Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Conservation Area
Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00393/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Alteration and extension of existing building
Location:/Lleoliad: Brynheulog, Llangan
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Llangan

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00788/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolishing an existing add on building and associated outbuildings and create a new two storey extension to Highwalls Road. To the rear a new conservatory and porch to be added to existing building.
Location:/Lleoliad: Church House, 11, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Dinas Powys

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00818/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Installation of solar panels
Location:/Lleoliad: 50, Clive Place, Penarth
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00828/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed extension to existing garage and proposed part first floor extension to form 'granny annexe'
Location:/Lleoliad: Baytree House, Llanbethery
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Llanbethery

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00844/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed extension and refurbishment of existing dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Keepers House, Church Street, Llysworney
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Llysworney

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00849/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing stable block and toilet block. Construction of two storey extension to rear and alterations to existing listed building. Change of use to A1 Retail and Residential.
Location:/Lleoliad: 20, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF (TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest
Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00747/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Use of land as a waste recycling centre
Location:/Lleoliad: Plot adjacent to Unit 6, Vale Industrial Park, Llandow

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00769/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 1 (DTC Main Gate) incorporating matters including: - buildings (Church and World Faith; Gurkha Temple; Guardhouse; Sentry box; Gate House and Museum); access; parking facilities; landscaping; and sustainability
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 1 Main Gate, MOD St. Athan

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00799/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing joinery and glass factory and construction of ten, two and three bedroom linked houses, with off street parking and private gardens
Location:/Lleoliad: P & A Joinery & Glazing, Herbert Street and Gilbert Street, Barry

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00817/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of a new five bedroom private detached dwelling set back off the main road, within its own grounds
Location:/Lleoliad: Castle Lodge, Henso

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00834/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of stables (nos. 79 to103), lean to hay barn, resiting of temporary dwelling and its treatment plant, garden shed and gas tank, extension to staff rest room/office facilities and provision of staff/visitor parking area, use of existing access
Location:/Lleoliad: Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthin

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00875/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 5 (DTC Training) incorporating matters including: - buildings; access; parking facilities; landscaping; and sustainability
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 5 Picketston South, MOD St Athan

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way/Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00802/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Outline application for dwelling with annex and garage for manager/proprietor of Pant Wilkin Stables, with treatment plant and access included
Location:/Lleoliad: Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthin

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00834/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of stables (nos. 79 to103), lean to hay barn, resiting of temporary dwelling and its treatment plant, garden shed and gas tank, extension to staff rest room/office facilities and provision of staff/visitor parking area, use of existing access
Location:/Lleoliad: Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthin

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00873/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dormer bungalow with self contained area for aged parents
Location:/Lleoliad: Holm View Cottage, Pen-y-Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys

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Dated: 2 September, 2010

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PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS ROUND-UP

Smugglers, and a Highwayman on trail of Vale's medieval pubs

ON an overcast Sunday morning, with dark clouds looming overhead, four walkers and Jodie the dog joined guest leaders Diane and Linda in East Aberthaw at the start of their pubs of the Vale walk.

The start was from the lovely old thatched pub the Blue Anchor, which took its name from the blue marl or mud that coated the anchors of the vessels that anchored in the nearby Aberthaw bay.

It is not hard to believe that this medieval pub, which first opened in 1380, with its tiny windows, low ceilings, narrow staircases and open fires, didn't have its fair share of smugglers and naughty goings on!

The group walked up Port Road past the massive Aberthaw quarry towards Nurston, turning off just before they reached the Highwayman and following the lane to a stile where they picked up the Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail.

By now, the sun had put in an appearance but there was a rather hefty wind blowing, but still topcoats were hastily discarded as they crossed harvested fields behind Cardiff International Airport to reach the quiet lane just south of Penmark.

A few sleepy cows who were more interested in lying down to keep their patch dry as the skies turned grey once again, ignored the small group as they passed through their field and by a narrow track between houses made their way to the Six Bells Inn at Penmark, where they received a warm welcome and stopped for morning tea, coffee and a few glasses of the hard stuff!

Refreshed, it was time to move on by field then downhill on a slippery path through the small wood to negotiate a broken stile and chat to a young family whom, it would seem had trouble in finding their way to get to this location

Crossing the River Waycock by bridge, the group gradually climbed out of the valley and via a gate reached Penn-onn.

Remaining on the Heritage Trail, they road-walked down to Llancarfan where the lovely old church is the central point of the village.

Dedicated to St Cadog, the original religious site was established around AD515, but the present building dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries and up on top of the tower, the weather vane represents a golden hind that legend says St Cadog sheltered in his cell.

Lunch was taken on the river bank beside the ford on the Nant Llancarfan in pleasant sunshine until interrupted by a short sharp shower and into topcoats once again.

Climbing gently out of the village the group entered sheep-filled meadows below Pancross and walked through the steep-sided valley to emerge at Penmark.

Here they walked down beside the Kenson River through the valley until they turned off to make their way to Llancadle and a warm welcome at the Green Dragon, where cold drinks were sipped outside in warm sunshine.

Resisting the urge to put their feet up and linger a while in this pub that was rebuilt in 1990 following a fire.

The group retraced their steps as another shower fell, passing through the valley and over the River Kenson footbridge, to climb up through Castle Wood to Fonmon Estate land.

Reaching Fonmon village, they passed the pond where ducks were attempting to swim in not much water and made their way through the wood and across several broken stiles to once again reach Port Road, which they followed back to the Blue Anchor and a last cooling drink in brilliant sunshine before the journey home.

On September 4, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile hard walk from Llangynidr to the Chartist Cave; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

JOY STRANGWARD

IN BRIEF

Wick show

WICK Horticultural Society holds its annual show at Wick Village Hall on Saturday, September 4, at 2pm.

Classes for vegetables, fruit, cut flowers, floral arrangements, cookery and children's section. Admission 50p.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian will hold a charity coffee morning on Saturday, September 4, in the Mayor's Parlour.

The homemade cakes have been much appreciated, so if you have still to try them, don't miss out on September 4!

'Family and Friends' land prestigious skittles Cup in memory of Olga Collins

ABOVE: The winners of the Olga Collins Skittles Memorial Challenge Cup were 'Family and Friends'.

THE final of the Olga Collins Skittles Memorial Challenge took place on August 25 at the Railway Club in Barry.

The competition was open to anyone in Barry, with ladies and men's mixed teams. In all, 68 teams competed for the trophy.

The Olga Collins Cup started in 1980 when Olga, who was secretary of the Barry Ladies League, passed away. Her family started the tournament as it had been a wish before she died.

The prize of the prestigious cup and £250 went to the winners 'Family and Friends', and the runners-up trophy and £100 went too 'Spacefinders'.

ABOVE:
The gallant runners-up 'Space Finders'.

It's six of the best for St Athan FC!

ST ATHAN FC Reserves couldn't have had a better start to their Vale of Glamorgan Football League season, with a resounding 6-1 victory against Wenvoe Exiles at home on Saturday.

Straight from the off, Saints signalled their intent with an early goal from Austin, muscling his way through the Exiles defence to latch on to a long ball.

The strength of Saints midfield, particularly the central pairing of Charles and Pope, gave a firm foundation for this performance.

Pope, in particular, harried and challenged for every ball, allowing Charles to spread the play wide. On the left, the young debutant Goodwin provided ample support to the front men, as did the right sided Geldard.

Fellow forward Howell was similarly threatening to the Exiles' defence with his pace and power, and it was no surprise when Saints went two up midway through the first half, again through Austin.

At the change of ends, the managerial pairing of Wolfe and Grundy urged more of the same from Saints, and they duly obliged, with Austin completing his hat-trick shortly after the restart.

Saints' goalkeeper MacDonald marshalled his centre-half pairing of Swift and George, ensuring that the Exiles infrequent attempts on goal remained futile. Full-backs Ball and Walters drove on their wide midfielders to keep on the pressure on the visitors.

A double attacking substitution of Hughes and Rogers replaced Charles and Howell, and they continued to turn the screw on the Exiles. Saints duly obliged with a brace from Goodwin, turning in Hughes's saved effort on goal, followed by a delightful first time chip over the onrushing Exiles 'keeper.

He left to thunderous applause from the home crowd to be replaced by substitute Payne. The final minutes saw a fourth from Austin to seal victory, although the Exiles got a consolation for their efforts.

A fine display was served up by the home team, and even a last-minute open-goal miss from Rogers couldn't take the gloss of an impressive performance.

St Athan FC wish to thank their sponsors Green Futures, plus Roy and Cindy at the Four Bells for all their support.

JG

Finals day concludes a full season for Romilly

ROMILLY Bowling Club held its finals day and the results were as follows:

Other results	Winners	Runners-up
Ladies Novices Trophy	J Clarke	S O'Donovan
Ladies Handicap	M Werner	M Newman
Ladies 2 Wood Singles	M Newman	B Holmes
Ladies Triples	B Holmes A Johnston M Lalande	P Price G Clarke J Donovan
Ladies Rinks	R Jones S O'Donovan M Lalande P Price	N Goodrich B Freeman G Clarke M Werner
Men's 4 wood Pairs	G Rees and H Jones	D Ford and D Wright
Men's Mottram Cup	B Gough	A Burdge
Men's 2 Wood Singles	A Freeman	Mel Newman
Men's Handicap	D Wright	Mel Newman
Men's Tim Evans Trophy	A Freeman	H Jones
Men's Triples	R Cowling, C Geen, K Clements.	A Freeman, J Jones, M Gershenson.
Men's Rinks	A Bryan, C Geen, T Bloomfield, M Gershenson.	R Blueit, M Doyle, G Eastment, K Westgate jnr.

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Sladewood House	31	Gold	20/05/10
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Winston Road	76	Gold	06/10/09

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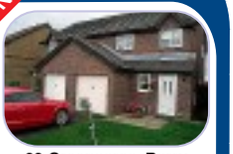
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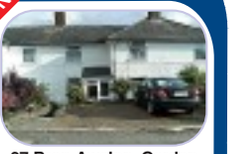
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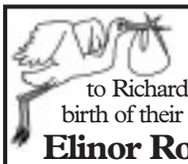

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FRAMPTON AND LLANMAES FLOOD STORAGE AREA WORKS

The Environment Agency Wales gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the flood defences on Llanmaes Brook in Frampton and Llanmaes between Frampton Flood Storage Area (NGR SS9734869648) and Llanmaes Flood Storage Area (NGR SS9857068962), a distance of 1.5 kilometres. The proposed improvement works will involve the following: The replacement and extension of the existing spillway structure at Frampton Flood Storage Area. This, alongside the installation of new erosion control measures on the spillway and at the point of re-entry into the channel, will reduce the erosion potential of the water on the structure and channel banks. In addition to this, the works will also involve the replacement of the current spillway erosion control measures at the downstream Llanmaes Flood Storage Area.

The Environment Agency Wales considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. Further information regarding the works can be provided by contacting the Project Manager, in writing, at the address below.

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Stags celebrate league title in day of destiny

NATHAN BAKER'S Barry Athletic First XI went into the season finale, against Newbridge CC, knowing that only five points were needed to guarantee promotion to Division Two of the Glamorgan & Monmouthshire Cricket League and with a 'corker' of a match taking place at Llanrumney University Fields, between Welsh Asians CC and Vale CC, the chances of promotion were pretty high.

The Barry Oval was packed out for this crucial match with plenty of sunshine. Barry began in steady fashion, with Nathan Baker and Damon Leake looking to battle through the tricky batting conditions. Things were looking good, with boundaries being hit at regular intervals, until Leake got a 'pearler' of a ball and was bowled by James Baker.

The youngster claimed another scalp as ex-captain, Ian Gadd, drove the ball straight to mid-off and was caught for a duck.

Things went from bad to worse as Lee Morgan was unluckily bowled after the ball kept extremely low, for 15.

Lady Luck looked to have deserted the Stags, as they suffered another double blow after Ashley Baker and Scott Hopkins both departed with 'debateable' lbw decisions, which left the Stags in a desperate position, at 47-5.

Things looked bleak for the Stags and the signs of a disappointing score were on the cards. However, with Baker still in the middle there was still a chance that the Stags could post a competitive score and that's just what happened.

Along with Anjan Ganapathy (48 n/o) a vital and match-winning partnership was formed with runs being consistently scored, from the bat.

Baker played a captain's innings and just showed how much of a class-act he is, with the bat, and finished with a battling score of 90 not out as the Stags closed on 196-5 from their 50 overs.

The reply began in a controlled fashion, as the Newbridge batsmen failed to take the game to the Stags in the opening 20 overs with the score on just 58-0.

However, with wickets still in hand, the Stags could not afford to get complacent and with an inspired bowling change from the captain, Billy Usswald took his wicket tally to 32 for the season .

With three wickets down for the visitors (thanks to catches from Ashley Baker and Steve Jones), the Stags knew that they only needed one more wicket to secure promotion to Division Two.

It was a nervy end to the match for the Stags but with the deadly form of 'King of the Barry Oval', Steve Jones, and the fast reflexes from Peter Hellyar, which helped Jones claim the decisive wicket, promotion to Division Two was secured.

Two further wickets put the pressure on the visitors and it looked as if the Stags were going to close this match out with ease.

However, this wasn't the case as the Newbridge captain, James Morgan, and James Baker formed a quick fire partnership of 64 to bring the visitors within striking distance of pinching the match and spoiling the Stags' celebrations.

However, thanks to some tight overs from Hellyar and Jones, the Stags were able to grind out a 9-run victory and pop the champagne corks, as they celebrated not only promotion but the league title as well, after news broke that Vale had beaten the Welsh Asians by 63 runs.

Vale will join the Stags in Division Two, after pinching second place, via the head-to-head regulation after both sides finished with exact stats.

Barry Athletic CC would like to congratulate Lee and Ceri Morgan, after Ceri gave birth to Evie Lorraine Morgan, last week.

SECONDS

MARTIN BAKER took his Barry Athletic Second XI to promotion chasing Miskin Manor CC, knowing that they were under no pressure, with survival already secured.

With the ground looking damp and bowler friendly, Baker lost the toss and was asked to bat first.

After spending all season dazzling the crowds with the ball, Neil Holmes was given the task of opening the innings with Jophin Reji, and for the opening 10 overs both batsmen battled against the conditions very well, before Holmes was bowled and soon after, Reji. Phil Thomas soon followed.

Wickets were tumbling and there were worrying signs that the Stags were going to fall for a low total. With the score at 84-6, the signs were getting more worrying. The Stags battled to 129-7 from their 50 overs.

After the tea session, the home side began steadily with the bat and were scoring quite frequently.

Pritchard and Hybert were looking good with the bat and pressure was building on the Stags. Chances were very limited for the Stags. The Stags had to wait until the 27th over, when John Gee claimed the first wicket of the innings, after Pritchard 'skied' the ball to Reji.

This didn't stop Miskin Manor claiming the victory they needed for a chance of getting promoted to Division One and despite a wicket for Reji, after a fine catch from Simon Phillips, the home side reached their target with 13 overs to spare.

Eighteen points wasn't enough for Miskin Manor, to claim successive promotions, along with Radyr.

THIRDS

PANTEG won the toss and chose to field first.

Opening batsmen, Ashley Baker and Tom Ellis began really well as boundaries were hit at all angles. Both looked confident as they played their strokes and there were signs of a big partnership being formed. However, this partnership was broken in the 12th over when Baker was caught and bowled for 23. Ellis soon followed for 13 and the middle order was exposed.

Despite the two quick wickets, vital mini-partnerships were formed and the Stags began to battle hard for a respectable total.

Jake Griffett (29), Jonathan Phillips (20) and Andy Ellis (13) all added useful runs to the total. Along with a little help from the extras column, it gave the Stags a fighting chance, as they were bowled out for 139.

After tea, the Stags began strongly with Griffett and Frost constantly putting the 'Hawks' under pressure and with the score at just 29-1 from 12 overs, the Stags were firmly in the match and were looking good for victory.

Wickets continued to fall, as bowlers Callum Twomey, Ashley Baker and Andy Ellis all contributed with wickets and the ever reliable director of Third XI cricket, Peter Phillips, continued with his economical bowling and kept the home side under pressure.

However, a match-winning partnership of 65 from 14.4 overs proved to be vital as Panteg A fought back to secure a 5-wicket win.

THANK YOU!

BARRY Athletic CC would like to thank all Stags who turned out at the Barry Oval, after Barry First XI's match with Newbridge, to celebrate another fine season which was highlighted by Barry First XI's first league title since 1987 – a fine achievement from the team.

The club would also like to thank Mark Wilshire and son, James, for providing the live music for the Stags' party and congratulate Mr and Mrs Mark Moulden after they got married on Saturday.

The chairman would like to thank, on behalf of the committee, all those who contributed to improving the facilities at the Barry Oval.

Big mentions go to Glan Williams and Ian Gadd for putting a lot of effort into the improvements.

However, a special mention goes to Mr Michael Gadd for performing nothing short of a miracle in improving the exteriors of the pavilion and helping the Stags to ensure promotion.

AB

BARRY COMPREHENSIVE NEWS ROUND-UP

School records tumble at Jenner Park event

ABOVE:
Pupils set a fast pace in the year-7 800m final.

THE inter-form athletics was held at Jenner Park in glorious sunshine, where competitors were joined by a large number of supporting parents.

Competitors represented their forms as well as houses in this year's athletics competition in a full range of events.

There were excellent performances throughout the day, involving highly contested heats and finals with excellent support and encouragement from fellow form and house members.

A number of school records were broken, namely Matthew Collins, 11.96m in the year-9 triple jump, Aaron Reid, 23.2 sec in the year-10 200m and Elliot Morris-Devred in the year-7 75m hurdles.

Thanks to Jenner Park for helping us stage the event and especially to Mr Foscolo, the groundsman, who is retiring this year.

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ABPVE: Matthew Edwards leads the way in the year-10 800 metres.

Ben Williams (year-7) in the high jump.

Curtis Jones (year-8) shows good technique in the long jump.

Alex Lemon in the year-10 long jump.

Amin Ullah in the year-7 75 hurdles.

Pupils say farewell at valedictory dinner

ONE of the highlights of the Barry Sixth Form calendar is the annual valedictory dinner, where students get together for the last time to celebrate the end of their secondary education.

This year's event at the Novotel Hotel provided a fitting conclusion to sixth form life with entertaining speeches and good company.

ABOVE: A scene of enjoyment (tinged with sadness!) at the Barry Sixth Form valedictory dinner 2010.

Cowbridge start new season by taking three hard-fought points

COWBRIDGE TOWN	**3**
DOCKERS FC	**2**

COWBRIDGE Town FC produced a typically determined display to kick off their new season in Division One with three points against a solid Dockers FC.

After an impressive pre-season which had seen Cowbridge pick apart numerous high-class opposition, confidence was flowing through the town ranks in anticipation of another good term, following the promotion and cup heroics of last season.

It was a jittery start from the red and blacks, and Dockers FC had a good spell of early pressure, which although easily dealt with by the Cowbridge defence, signified the match would be no walkover for the promoted side.

After settling in, however, Cowbridge began playing some of the football, which brought them success last season, stroking it around despite a testing surface at the Bear Field.

Ironically, it took the most route one approach possible to break the deadlock. However, a ranging punt from Cowbridge stopper Ian Bavey forced a comical headed flick-on from the Dockers' centre-half to loop over his helpless goalkeeper.

The goal spurred Cowbridge on, and they began to control things from midfield. Chances were being created and missed, however, when first Gethin Still and then Mark Rollings, with an unlikely overhead kick, went close to doubling the advantage.

When the whistle went for the break, Town may have wondered how they hadn't taken the chances to increase a slender advantage.

They were left ruing their profilacy in front of goal early in the second half when a fizzing free kick cracked off the under side of the bar and fell into the path of the onrushing striker, who tapped in a simple finish to level the scores.

Although rattled, Cowbridge Town are made of sterner stuff these days and set about restoring their advantage.

It didn't take long and after fantastic work rate from Lloyd Lewis to chase down a lost cause, Jack Gavin finished well to give Town the lead once more.

The drama was far from over, however, as Dockers came back at Cowbridge once again, and a dangerous cross avoided Cowbridge defenders and was finished well at the back post.

With just minutes left to play, the goal seemed set to leave Cowbridge ruing missed opportunities. Consistent pressure on the Dockers' tiring defence finally saw a ball sit up for Gethin Still, who enhanced his reputation for scoring important goals, as the midfielder's left-footed volley swung away from the 'keeper and into the Dockers net.

With a couple of minutes to play, late efforts from the Dockers to get level for a third time were mopped up by the town defence and the referee's whistle signalled a good three points for the Red and Blacks.

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Elite swimmers head for Delhi

BARRY's David Davies and Bridgend's Sarah Lougher are among the 16 swimmers named in what has been described as Wales' strongest-ever swim squad for a Commonwealth Games.

The swimmers who have booked their flights to Delhi are: Jazmin Carlin, Swansea Intensive Training Centre; David Davies, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Georgia Davies, Swansea Intensive Training Centre; Thomas Haffield, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Georgia Holderness, Millfield School; Robert Holderness, Millfield School/ Florida State University; Ieuan Lloyd, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Sara Lougher, Swansea Intensive Training Centre/Bridgend County; Marco Loughran, University of Florida/ Guildford City Swim Club; Jemma Lowe, University of Florida; Sian Morgan, City of Bradford Swim Club; Jennifer Oldham, Swansea Performance; David Roberts, Caerphilly County Swim Club; Danielle Stirrat, City of Cardiff Swim Club; Alys Thomas, Swansea Performance; Lowri Tynan, Loughborough Intensive Training Centre.

Coaches – Martyn Woodroffe, David Haller, Bud McAllister, Stuart McNarry. Team manager – Jenny Shaw.

Four years ago in Melbourne, Team Wales took three medals from the pool. David Davies thrilled the Welsh nation when he stormed to gold in the 1,500m freestyle and bronze in the 400m freestyle.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to Delhi. It's the big target for me this year and I'm looking forward to defending my title. It's certainly going to be tough and Canada's Ryan Cochrane will be the one to watch.

"It's a pretty special feeling to represent Wales and there's nothing quite like the Commonwealth Games. The team spirit within the Welsh camp in Melbourne was really motivating."

Season ends with Cavaliers' anniversary celebration

BANK holiday Monday saw the Cavaliers celebrate their 35th anniversary with a match between the president's and chairman's teams.

The chairman's team got off to a poor start when James Snelson was bowled first ball by Aaron Vincent, who then bowled Julian Griffiths for 16. When Harry Withers and Ben Jenkins were out to successive deliveries from Richard Kelly, the innings was floundering. Only Sam Pickford looked confident and retired on 30.

With the president giving a fine impression of Shane Warne, taking three wickets for only five runs, Sam Pickford returned to hit four sixes in a belligerent 53 not out, with the innings closing on 109 after 20 overs.

The president's reply started badly when Mike Hadlow called Dave Price for a quick single, but the 'Silver Fox' was run out without facing a ball.

Mike was then joined by club captain Nigel Allison, who decided running was not an option on such a warm day and with a flurry of boundaries, both batsman retired on 30.

Julian Griffiths' two wickets only cost 10 runs and the president's first innings totalled 108 after 20 overs.

After an excellent lunch, Ben Jenkins and Harry Withers opened the batting for the second innings and Ben was quickly bowled by Aaron Vincent for one.

New batsman Tom Pritchard and Harry found the going tough against the experienced bowling and both fell to catches trying to up the scoring rate.

A quick 34 retired from Julian Griffiths did so, before James Snelson (26) and Sam Pickford (28 not out) who showed his father Ed no respect with a display of six hitting.

Simon Jones was again the best of the bowlers with 1 for 10 runs.

The president's team were set to score 131 runs in their second innings to win.

The youthful chairman's team were confident when Steve Jenkins quickly fell to the pace of Scott Wheatley but with the chatter increasing, Phil Vincent and Richard Kelly took the attack to the youngsters and with Phil retiring on 30 and Richard making 25, the scene was set for the club president to show his batting class.

Rolling back the years, Simon nudged and nurdled and with a belligerent Dave Russell at the other end, the target was quickly reduced.

When Dave fell for 22 in the last over with only two needed and five balls remaining, Simon was joined by fellow original Cavalier, Ed Pickford.

Undaunted by Julian Griffiths' pace, Ed quickly turned a tasty tickle to the boundary to see his side home with Simon 28 not out.

The club would like to thank everyone who played, and especially those who travelled from away and those who hadn't played for many years. Under a hot sun all day, Ed's barbecue was a fitting end to a very successful season.

Would all members note, the AGM is on Sunday, September 19 at the clubhouse at 6.30pm.

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CALLING ALL CLUB OFFICIALS!

● *WE welcome your match reports, club news and other items of interest. Please send them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk*

Rhydian's record is the highlight of enjoyable day

RIGHT: Guest Rhydian Harris, winner Glyn Watts-Jones, sponsor Mark Brown and society captain Gino Cocco.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at Llanishen Golf Club.

Sponsored by Llantwit Major-based estate agents Anthony Brown & Company, it attracted 48 competitors, all hoping to win the Anthony Brown Cup.

The members' section was keenly contested, with just three points separating the top four.

In first place was Glyn Watts-Jones with 36 points, just seeing off the challenge of Trevor Wooding who, despite failing to score on the last two holes, finished runner-up, also with 36 points.

Bryan Owen finished third with 35 points, and Keith James fourth with 33 points. Gwyn Thomas, with 21 points on the front nine, once again threatened the leaderboard but could only finish with 31 points.

The par five 10th hole with its steep incline to the green caused quite a few problems for a number of members.

Failure to safely negotiate the slippery surface caused problems for both Reg Davies and David Williams, while Bryan Wadham was particularly unlucky when a slipped fan belt on his motorised mode of transport brought a premature end to his round.

At the same hole, two other members, Aubrey Bowen and Tim Jarvis (twice) made notable contributions when their teeshots nearly succeeded in increasing the air conditioning in the roof of the nearby clubhouse.

Godfrey Lewis, who the previous evening had appeared on the BBC's national television news channel regarding dormice crossing the Church Village by-pass, won the 'James Hog Roast's' sponsored longest drive competition and Aubrey Bowen returned home with the Premier Turf-sponsored prize when correctly guessing 42 balls would fail to return home. This resulted in £70 being raised for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards fund.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Arwyn John, Trevor Wooding (two), Carl Brown, Keith Wilding and Reg Davies.

Local residents John Rees and Alun Husband joined a large number of guests who ensured this section would be keenly contested, and when Daniel Jarvis returned to the clubhouse with 40 stableford points, many thought this would prove a winning score.

Unfortunately for Daniel, Andrew Hilditch then returned with 41 points – only to be followed into the clubhouse by Rhydian Harris who returned 44 points. Playing off a handicap of four, Rhydian finished with a gross 64 that undoubtedly was a record score for the society. Well done Rhydian.

Society members are now looking forward to the annual 54-hole competition for the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd trophy, played over three days which takes place on three different courses in south Devon.

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Barry Athletic bowlers look forward to domestic finals

BARRY Athletic's PG1 side ended their poor run of form in style with an 84 – 71 win over Bridgend at Barry Island last Saturday.

Beaten in their last three games, the Athletic produced a vastly improved all-round display to collect 12 points and gain revenge for their defeat at Bridgend earlier in the summer.

Top rink honours went to captain Geoff Whittaker, who skipped his line-up to a 26-17 win in a squad featuring Jack Beanland, Colin Spillane and young Luke Stanley.

Robert Horgan's rink, which included three young players – Steve McKernan, Dan Jones and Kristian Harris, came home with a comfortable 21-14 success.

Dean Rees, whose match bowling is restricted to weekends due to work commitments, rallied his side to a 21-15 victory, after trailing 5-12, and eventually destroyed the visitors' young rink with a series of outstanding woods.

Dean's No 3, Ben Parrish, enjoying an excellent first season with Barry Athletic, played his part, bowling with consistent accuracy when under pressure.

The Athletic have one PG1 match to complete their fixtures – at home against Cardiff Athletic on a date yet to be announced.

The PG2 squad, still in with a chance of promotion, have two remaining games – against Barry Plastics on September 9 and leaders Aberdare Harlequins on September 11.

This weekend, the club's domestic finals take place at Barry Island in a full day of competition.

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Evan wins Ffos Las feature race

ON AND OFF THE TURF
with Brian Lee

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams landed the feature race at Ffos Las last Friday with his promising five-year-old bay gelding *West With The Wind,* who was recording his third consecutive course win at Britain's newest racecourse in the Totexacta Flexi Betting Chase and in doing so, set a course record.

The favourite *Grand Lahou*, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, and ridden by Richard Johnson, set a cracking pace, only to fall at the eighth fence.

West With The Wind, ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, went on to win by one and a half-lengths from *Yellow Flag,* partnered by the legendary A P McCoy.

West With The Wind, a 7-1 chance, carried a hefty top weight of 11st 12lb and Williams said: "It was a mighty weight-carrying performance from a novice. We will probably keep him in novice company for now and have an eye on something in the autumn, possibly a race at Ayr which we won with *Deep Purple*.

"Then we will give him a good long break through the winter as he does appreciate good ground, and bring him back for a spring campaign.

"The great thing about him is that he is still learning about the game."

At Cartmel on Saturday, the Tim Vaughan trained *Ben's Folly*, owned by Cardiff bookmaker David Lovell, and ridden by Richard Johnson, ran out an easy winner of the opening novices hurdle race.

Ben's Folly, a five-year-old chesnut gelding by *Beneficial*, was backed from 11-4 to 2-1.

Photographs of the following point-to-pointers are needed to illustrate my book on Welsh horse racing's gambles and scandals – *Up The Spout*, *Jymario*, *Nearly Noble*, *Gunner Boon* and *Margam Abbey*.

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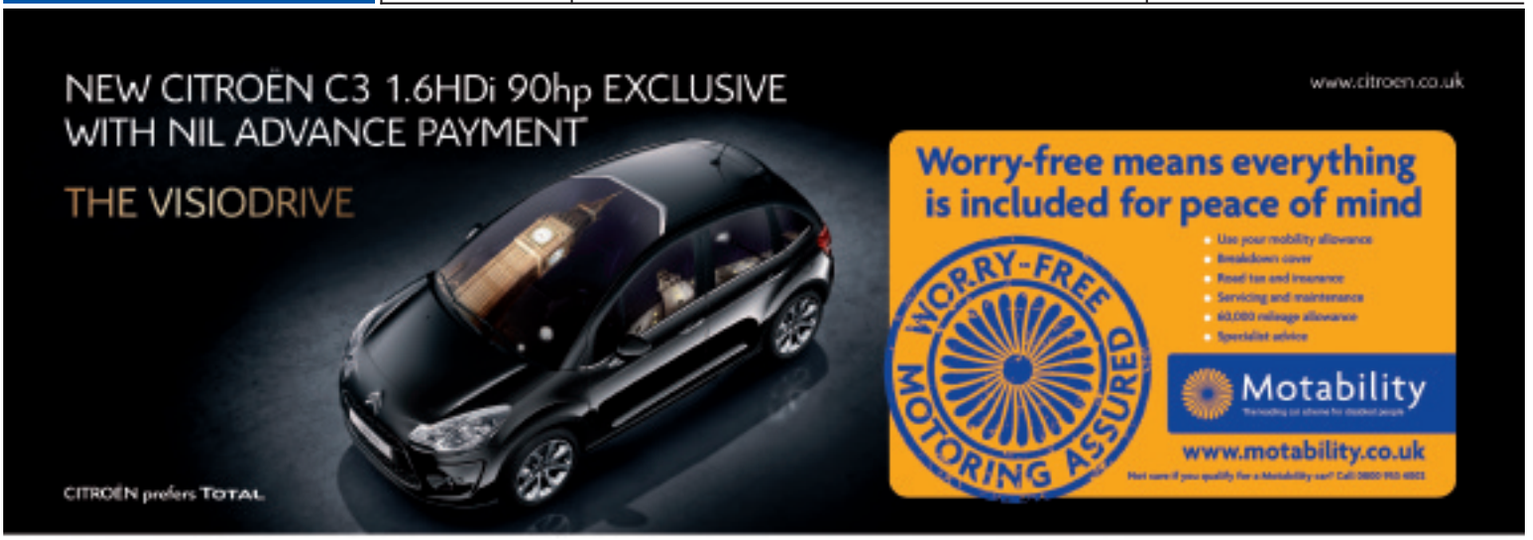

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Visitors from Gwent take members and guests prize

LEFT: The winning team with lady captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell.

COTTRELL Park Ladies held their 'Members and Guests' day recently on the Mackintosh course in a team stableford with the best two scores out of three to count.

There was the usual welcome at the halfway house with cakes, savouries and Pimms to help them on their way.

Unfortunately, as the day progressed, the weather changed and became very unpleasant by mid-afternoon, with torrential rain.

Some of the afternoon ladies did not manage to complete the competition and were thoroughly soaked.

The prize giving by the ladies' captain Lorraine Pointon Bell, saw the first team prize go to Toots Plant with her guests Sally Ward (Rolls of Monmouth) and Moyra Hamond (St Pierre) with 83 points.

Second place went to Liz Overton, with guests Pat Cinus and Maria Driscoll (Glamorganshire) with 80 points,.

Third was Jan Cosby with guests Jill Davies (Coed-y-Mwstwr) and Alison Lewis (Pyle and Kenfig) with 79.

Nearest the pin was won by Moyra Hamond and the longest drive 0-27 handicap, went to Helen Little (Cottrell Park) and the 28-36 handicap to Barbara Watts (Brynhill).

CB

COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS UPDATE

Ferndale BC prove to be a tough test

PLAYING their last league game at home last Saturday, the Cowbridge men's team faced Ferndale, one of the best teams in Wales.

Ferndale were beaten finalists in the Carruthers Shield earlier this month and had only lost one league game this season.

Winning league games at home has been the norm for Cowbridge, but Ferndale were a big test.

At the tea interval, Cowbridge only had a three shot lead overall but Ferndale then proved that good players can play on any surface.

Even leads, when instructed, were able to drive and kill an end, but in its all-round play, Ferndale were the better team.

Although Cowbridge won on one rink by one shot and lost an another by only one shot, they lost overall by 88 – 71.

This was the first time that Cowbridge had lost a league game at home since the club was formed 14 years ago.

Despite this, it was a privilege to have played against such a fine team.

All those that played for Cowbridge last Saturday will remember this game and talk about it for some years to come.

Rink scores were as follows:

Rink one – Mansel Davey, Brian Elsey, John Jones and Dennis Snelling 17 – Ferndale 24.

Rink two – Ron Frayling, Colin Wilson, John Trott and Roger Barwick 21 – Ferndale 20.

Rink three – Charles Sanders, Steve Dickens, Michael Bradley and Norman Wilkinson 19 – Ferndale 20.

Rink four – Terry Dunsworth, Roger Brewer, Brian Kent and Byron Richards 14 – Ferndale 24.

Cowbridge ended the season in fifth position in Division Two and Ferndale, with two games still to play, are a safe bet to be promoted as champions to the Premier Division.

MB

IN BRIEF

Meet the Greyhounds

MEET the Greyhounds with Greyhound Welfare outside Cowbridge Town Hall between 11am-3pm on Saturday, September 4.

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Barry Youth in big victory

LAST season saw a resurgent Barry Youth build on strong foundations set by coaches Steve Isaacs and Ray Gallivan.

A strong junior section is now feeding in to the youth, and the coaches set the boys the challenge of winning the league and gaining promotion.

It was nail biting to the end, as the league decider came down to the final match of the season against Cowbridge.

The previous time the teams had met had resulted in a 3-3 draw, so when Barry beat Cowbridge 33–nil, its was a firm testament to how hard the boys had worked in training.

The score did not reflect how well Cowbridge played and the game was played in great spirit. As a result, Barry gained promotion to the BC league.

The youth were invited for a season opener at a 10-a-side tournament at Pencoed, with lots of Ospreys region teams entered.

It was a good measure of how the boys have shaped up, with lots of new additions to the team. Barry entered two teams in the pool stages.

In torrential rain, both teams won easily, with only two tries conceded. It was exciting to see how the older youth boys took the newer lads under their wings and nobody watching from the side lines would have guessed that these boys hadn't been playing together for years.

Following some discussion at the end of the pool stages between the tournament committee and the Barry coaches, it was decided that Barry would skip the semi finals and play as a combined team for the finals.

This was supported unanimously by the players who didn't really want to run the risk of playing each other in the final and thought it was more fitting to play the final as one team.

The final saw Barry play Pencoed Youth. The first half was hard and fast rugby, with both sides playing an expansive game.

With hindsight, perhaps Pencoed should have tried to slow it down and play through their larger forwards.

The second half was dominated by Barry and a number of unanswered tries were run in. Einan Scott, who by now had fully adjusted to the drop goal conversions, was slotting them over with no trouble.

Barry notched up an eight try win with six conversions. Well Done to all the Barry squad on this fine win. Nobody could ask for a better start to a season!

Squad:Richard O'Sullivan, Luke O'Sullivan, Ethan Dicks, Darren Deguerra, Chris West, Ryan Case, Joe Starbuck, Adam Wheeler, Kelvin, Andrew Wakefield, Rhys Thomas, Jake Connelly, Rhidian Mepham, Einan Scott, Jan Lewis, Sion Vidal, Tom Ellis, Andre Williamson and Sam Booker (on loan from Llantwit Major RFC).

A special thank you to the injured players (Joe Gallivan and Mike Hamonda) and friends and family who travelled up to support the boys in such awful weather.

Anyone interested in training with Barry Youth should contact Miff Connelly on 07846 397 535. Training times are at Barry RFC, Reservoir Fields, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm. Old and new Players are welcome.

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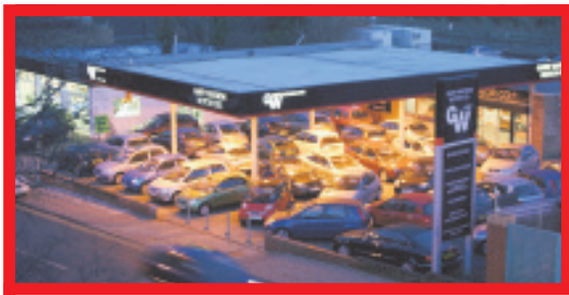

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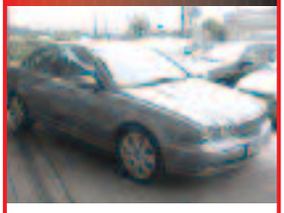

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The Wanderers' superb victory clinches second successive championship

BARRY Wanderers travelled to Cefn Fforest for the final league fixture of the season knowing that victory would clinch a second successive championship.

With promotion already assured, it was a case of sealing the title over close rivals Llantwit Major and ending the league season on a high.

Stand-in skipper for the day, Mark Ellis, won the toss and elected to use the damp conditions which favoured their bowling attack, and put Cefn Fforest into bat.

A 30-minute warm-up and a rousing team talk, which included a message from absent regular captain Barnes, meant that the Wanderers took to the field ready and fired-up for the challenge.

Bowles and Nekkanti opened the bowling under the blue skies, but it was Cefn Fforest who got off to a flyer with nine runs coming off the first over.

The Wanderers gradually got themselves back into the game as both opening bowlers found a good rhythm, with Nekkanti getting rid of the dangerous openers, his second wicket being a beautifully bowled yorker that took out the middle stump.

Bowles bowled a beautiful spell of 10 overs for 18 runs and he was hugely unlucky not to take a wicket. Evan Davies and Dylan Williams, the first change bowlers, swung the game in their favour taking six wickets between them.

Williams was wreaking havoc with his slow medium pace and Davies's high point was a fantastic caught and bowled.

With Cefn Fforest now in disarray, Ellis mopped up the tail, taking two wickets and Cefn Fforest finishing on 94 all out.

If the Wanderers thought they had won the game they were in for a big shock. There was no sign of the drama to come as Nimesh Navuru and Tommy Edwards got them off to solid start.

However, the game turned around on its head as Navuru, Edwards, Ridgwell, Swannick, Johnson and Davies were all back in the pavilion in the blink of an eye to send the Wanderers from 15 for 0 to 36 for 6 and on the brink of a disastrous defeat.

Stand-in skipper Ellis was watching partners come and go at an alarming rate and was looking for someone to support him. The pressure of becoming champions in the club's 40th year was almost too much to take but slowly and surely the Wanderers clawed their way back into the game.

Nekkanti stuck around before he was bowled and this brought Dan Bowles to the wicket with the score on 54 for 7.

Bowles took the game to the Cefn Fforest bowlers and hit some lusty blows, and with Ellis nudging and nurdling at the other end, it looked like the Wanderers had weathered the Cefn Fforest storm.

However, with the score on 84 and victory within sight, Ellis needlessly ran himself out for 19 and the game took another exciting turn as the sun began to set and the shadows began to lengthen.

Phil John was unluckily given out caught behind one run later and the Wanderers teetered on the brink at 85 for 9 with 10 runs still required.

With the watching crowd cheering on Cefn Fforest and the Wanderers players cheering on every run with gusto, the finale was set.

Nails were being chewed and Ellis was walking around the pavilion like an expectant father. The two coolest people in the ground were in the middle as Williams and Bowles batted with nerves of steel.

There were still two moments of drama as Bowles was dropped at backward leg and Williams was almost run out, but in fitting with a memorable 40th season the Wanderers fell over the line as Williams nudged two to fine leg to bring the scores level, and then Bowles swiped a leg side full toss for a single to send the Wanderers players into a pitch invasion and mass celebration as they won the Division 2 title by the narrowest of margins.

The players celebrated with champagne on the pitch and a toast to absent skipper Barnes, who marshalled his troops with excellent leadership throughout the year.

Dan Bowles and Dylan Williams were the heroes of the day, but it has been team spirit that has carried the team to promotion.

It has been a truly remarkable season for the Second XI and the heavy opening defeat seems a lifetime away as the Wanderers sealed an impressive season with 11 wins from 16.

Thank you to all those who were involved in helping both the Firsts and Seconds to promotion and here's to a fantastic tour of Barbados where celebrations will be in full force.

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ABOVE: The second XI clinched the league title with a hard-fought victory.

Romilly finals day produces thrillers

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club held its Finals Day on Saturday, a sunny windy day on a tricky green.

The competitions commenced at 10 a.m. and went on all day until 7pm. Highlights of the day were the two club champions' matches for the ladies and gents titles.

The ladies game was between Brenda Freeman and Beryl Holmes with lots of supporters in attendance. It was Brenda who took the early lead and she was eight shots to five up after eight ends. However, Beryl rallied then took charge on the next five ends with two 4s, a 3 and a 2, plus a single to surge ahead 19-8.

Brenda also rallied over the next four ends with six more shots, but could not prevent Beryl gaining four shots over the last two ends to win the match 23-14 and retain the ladies championship.

The men's match was between Dave Wright and Ray Blueit which was also well supported, but a torrid affair as you would expect from these two characters.

The game started well with both players covering the jack throughout, as if they owned it. Holding shots were always precarious, but it was the crowd's to enjoy.

Ray had a very good start and led 9-to 6 after 10 ends. Dave then took the lead on the 16th end, from which point the lead changed hands several times up to the 24th end with Ray 20-18 ahead.

By now it was a tense match. Dave then gained two shots to level the match 20-all, but could not prevent Ray winning the final on the 27th end and all the plaudits to become the new club champion.

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Sully bowler's trophy triumph

TWO Sully bowlers distinguished themselves recently at the Kermode Trophy singles tournament in Llandrindod Wells.

Peter Rogers emerged through a top quality field of players from Wales, England and Scotland to lift the trophy. Peter beat Stuart Fagan (West Fife) in the semi-final and Jess Williams (Welsh junior ladies international) in the final.

Jess had previously beaten Carl Best, also of Sully in the other semi-final.

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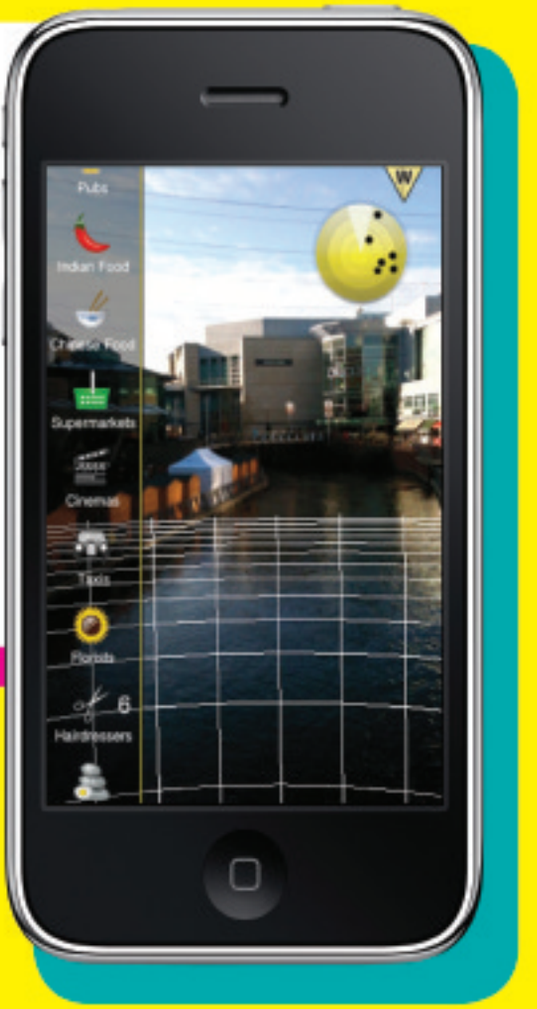

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Our new website is full of loads of useful features:

Our Video Channel lets you view a business so you can see if they're right for you. Loads of videos have already been uploaded showcasing shops, restaurants, hotels and beauty salons.

3D maps and Street cam let you see businesses from street level and from the air. You can use these handy tools to locate premises, find your favourite shops or even plan a trip around a city in a real, smooth 3D environment[6].

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